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RUN ON BANK OF ETHIOPIA EXODUS FROM CAPITAL CONTINUES GOVERNMENT ENJOINS PEOPLE TO REMAIN CALM

Addis Ababa, To-day.
The Government has posted notices in the capital stating that the report that the Italian forces are only one day's march from Addis Ababa is unfounded, and requesting the people to be calm. The notice added that the authorities yesterday were still in communication with a number of towns which are alleged to have fallen into the hands of the enemy, including Jijiga, Harrar and Daggahbur.
Meanwhile the exodus from the city continues, only soldiers and police remaining. The shops are closed and the only activity is a run on the Bank of Ethiopia, where crowds of natives are withdrawing their money and sewing it in canvas bags for hiding. The Hague. It is learned that the Dutch Red Cross headquarters has decided to instruct the Dutch ambulance unit now in Addis Ababa to proceed to Djibouti and take the first available boat home.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.



Flaxen-haired children of the Rhineland, who had never before seen armed soldiers of their native land, pin flowers on the lapels of helmeted German troops following the reoccupation of the Rhineland by Germany last month. Our photograph was snapped at Cologne as 20,000 German troops occupied the city.

UNPRECEDENTED DIFFICULTIES UNPOPULARITY OF NEW TAXATION FUTURE ARMAMENTS PROGRAMME WILL CAUSE GREATER IMPOSITIONS

London, To-day.
In the course of his budget statement in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, described his difficulties as unprecedented in extent, excepting in wartime. He declared that the new taxation proposed could not be considered unreasonable, nor did he think it would seriously affect the improvement in trade and industry, nor cause undue hardship.
He declared that for the fifth time in successive years he had presented the financial statement. He believed that the Government's policy had been the indispensable foundation for the improvement in the financial and economic conditions, which enabled the country to meet a large increase in expenditure without a marked addition to taxation. The Government's two most important features in policy, namely, the introduction of tariffs and the establishment of cheap money, between them strengthened both our industry and agriculture.



Sir Thomas Southern, Governor-designate of Gambia, was given a rousing farewell last night at the Sports Club, of which he was the first honorary member.

NEW TAXATION IN AMERICA Corporations To Be Mulcted

Washington, To-day.
Mr. Doughton, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, has introduced to the House a tax bill based on President Roosevelt's previously announced requirement of \$620,000,000 in additional taxation.
The Bill generally conforms to the earlier indications. It would raise 700 to 800 million dollars by the reform of the Corporation Tax structure, with a tax on the corporate net income, graduated according to the percentages of funds held in reserve.
The bill also imposes the following taxes on foreign individuals and corporations:—
(1) Income-tax of 10 per cent. on income received by non-resident aliens from sources within the United States;
(2) Foreign corporations with branches in the United States will be taxed 15 per cent. of their earnings from sources within the United States;
(3) Foreign banking and insurance companies will be subject to the same 15 per cent. income-tax as American concerns.
The bill is formulated by the House Committee, however, and is in no way regarded as final. It is freely predicted that the Senate will undertake extensive re-writing of the bill, with a view to softening the effect of the new taxes.—Reuter.

SITUATION IN PALESTINE CONSIDERABLY QUIETER BUT GENERAL STRIKE TO BE CALLED BY ARABS

Beirut, To-day.
Reports from Palestine give the casualties in the clashes between Jews and Arabs as 19 dead and 130 injured. The situation at Jaffa is stated to be considerably quieter, though there is still some agitation elsewhere. The Arabs intend calling a general strike in most towns very shortly.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

GERMAN MINISTER STILL MISSING Relentless Search Continues

Cairo, To-day.
In spite of a relentless search no trace has been discovered of Baron von Stohrer, German Minister at Cairo, who disappeared in a desert sandstorm last Saturday. Two squadrons of British Air Force planes and five Egyptian planes were engaged in flights the whole of yesterday over the desert, while streams of volunteers in private cars, in addition to the Camel Corps, participated in the land search.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S POLICY IN MONGOLIA Tacit Admission Of Failure

London, To-day.
The Times says that the summary execution for treason of four important officials, in North Hsingan province is the first sign of a tacit admission by the Japanese that their Mongol policy has failed, and the fundamental reason for the failure of this policy is that it had to be carried out by Japanese who showed very little sympathy for the Mongols, and felt less.—Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND'S TRADE Increase Shown Last Year

Wellington, To-day.
The trade returns for New Zealand for the year ending March show an increase of \$4,750,000. The Premier announces that the Government is adopting a 40-hour week in all Government works.
He stated: "We cannot expect private industrial and commercial enterprises to swallow this Government medicine unless the Government is prepared to swallow it itself."—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Badoglio Taking No Chances NO HURRIED ADVANCE ON ADDIS ABABA

Asmara: Reports announcing that Italian troops will enter Addis Ababa within the next few days are denied by official quarters here.
It is pointed out that Marshal Badoglio does not intend to risk a setback by beginning the march on Addis Ababa before the advance has been carefully prepared.
Reports from the Ogaden front state that among the prisoners taken by the Italians were Abyssinian machine-gunners, who were chained to their machine-guns, and who did not surrender before the last shot was fired.
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EFFECTS OF SANCTIONS ITALIAN TRADE DECREASES EXPERT'S REPORT

Geneva, To-day.
Further details of the effects of sanctions were given by Mr. Westman, President of the Sanctions Experts' Committee, at the final meeting yesterday. He stated that during January 1936 Italian exports decreased 46 per cent., and imports 39 per cent., compared with January 1935. The Italian export to the sanctionist countries became negligible, while it is estimated that the Bank of Italy lost about half the last reported gold reserves.—Reuter.

REDUCED OIL DUTY Protest By Companies To Customs

Tientsin To-day.
The oil companies are protesting to the Customs against the arrival of kerosene and gasoline in Tientsin, on which the East Hopei duty, amounting to one-third of the Chinese tariff, has been paid.—Reuter.

SALARIES OF CIVIL SERVANTS BILL TO ALLOW FOR SPECIAL LEVY SECOND READING IN COUNCIL

At this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council the second reading, by the Attorney-General, of a bill "to make provision for a levy on the salaries of public officers in the Hong Kong Government Service" was the occasion for two important speeches by Unofficial Members of the Council—the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo.
Both speakers referred to the unfortunate necessity of introducing this bill, and Sir Henry suggested the appointment of a small Commission or Committee, upon which there should be Unofficial representation, to enquire into and report on certain matters referred to in his speech.
Sir Henry closed by predicting that Hong Kong would weather the economic storm through which the Colony is passing, as it has done in times gone by. Mr. Lo, however, suggested that some permanent reduction in the salary bill which the Colony is now called upon to bear was essential. He was frankly not in favour of the proposed levy.

Sir Henry Pollock said: "I concur in the terms of this Bill, which has become necessary owing to an unfortunate series of events which have culminated in an unbalanced Budget for 1936. It should be borne in mind that, in many commercial firms, heavy cuts in salaries, and in many cases termination of employment altogether, have been the order of the day during the past five financially difficult years. In addition to the measures of economy which were suggested at the last Meeting of this Council, the Unofficial Members suggest for Your Excellency's consideration that further substantial economies might be effected:—
"(1) By reducing the salaries of some Posts in the Service upon new appointments to those of a being made, and by reducing the number of Officers and of sterling-paid Clerks in some Departments, and by substituting dollar employees for sterling-paid employees.
"(2) By reducing the rent-allowance privileges of Government Servants and also by increasing the percentage of salary chargeable in respect of housing accommodation, in cases where such accommodation is provided.
"(3) By a thorough investigation into acting levies, conveyance and other allowances made to Government Servants.
"(4) By inaugurating a system of medical attendance on Government Servants by private practitioners, upon a contract basis, instead of by Government Doctors; thus reducing the number of Government Doctors required and effecting a saving on their salaries, allowances, leave-pay, passages and pensions. In this connection our contention is that much of the work now done by Government Doctors could equally well be performed by private practitioners attending at the Government Hospitals and by their also attending on Government Servants in their own homes. Thus a great saving in public expenditure could be effected. We regard this suggestion (4) as being of pressing importance, having regard to the necessity, next year, of providing for the staffing of the new Queen Mary Hospital.
"Accordingly we suggest that the Government do now appoint a small Commission or Committee, upon which there should be Unofficial representation, to enquire into and report on the matters included in the above paragraphs (1) to (4).
"In conclusion we desire to add that we regard the present depression as being of a temporary nature. In Great Britain and elsewhere there are signs of reviving trade and prosperity, which must ensure to the benefit of this Colony."
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LONDON PRESS COMMENTS Spartan Resignation Disclosed ORTHODOX DECISIONS WELCOMED

London, To-day.
The budget is generally received by the press as unexpectedly elaborate and severe, but is accepted with Spartan resignation and approval of the orthodox decision to meet the whole increase in expenditure out of revenue.
Commentators record that the proposals got a gloomy reception in the House of Commons, where it was apparent that many Conservatives hoped that Mr. Chamberlain would raise a defence loan earlier than now projected. Others think the Chancellor would have been wiser to suspend the sinking fund rather than increase taxation when industry is recovering, but the majority of the papers agree that it is best to bring home to the country the real implications of the defence programme.
The necessity of raising the income-tax is questioned in both the "Daily Telegraph" and the "Financial Times." The latter says that there is some tendency in the City to think that Mr. Chamberlain has erred on the side of caution, though there are no doubts that Britain will stand higher in the world's estimation by choosing stringent taxation in preference to borrowing.
The Liberal and Labour press is apprehensive of worse years ahead portended by the precedent of this year's budget.—Reuter.

PRES. ROOSEVELT TO VISIT CANADA

Ottawa, To-day.—President Roosevelt has provisionally accepted an invitation to visit Canada as the guest of the Governor-General, probably in the summer.—Reuter.

H.M.S. Daring and Diamond, which left port with the Fleet yesterday to attend exercises, returned this morning.

COLONIES INCLUDED

Mr. J. E. Thomas, Minister for the Colonies, said that the recent statements of himself and Mr. Neville Chamberlain on this subject applied to the Crown Colonies as well as the mandated territories. Britain possessed no advantages and privileges over other countries. He said that if the question of transferring any mandates arose it would not be a question for us alone, because Australia, New Zealand and South Africa had mandates.

The British Government would not consider handing over any of their mandates unless the whole question, as far as the Empire was concerned, was also reviewed. There was also the question of mandates affecting France and Belgium. He added that, further, the inhabitants must be consulted and their interests considered.—Reuter.

A report of the Budget Speech will be found on Page 7.

STOP PRESS

Only three of the four footballers who were supposed to leave for Shanghai this afternoon left by the s.s. Hoi Chen at 3 p.m. Chan Kwai-liang will sail with Suen Kam-shun on Saturday.

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ALL-CHINA OLYMPIC STARS SET OUT ON THE GREAT ADVENTURE

MAIN OBJECT IS TO IMPROVE GRADE OF NATIONAL SPORT TWELVE PLAYERS ON WAY TO S'HAU AND FOUR MORE LEAVE TO-DAY JOURNEY TO BERLIN STARTS ON SATURDAY WEEK

(By "Referee")

A NEW chapter in the history of Chinese football will be written on May 2, when the All-China World Olympic football team of 22 players, coach and manager, commence their great pilgrimage to the 1936 "Mecca" of sport, the Berlin Olympic Games, where they will enter the field for the first time as a real competitive nation — at the Tenth World Olympiad, at Los Angeles in 1932, one athlete represented China.

China has never before attempted anything like this, and all lovers and followers of the Association game, particularly those in Hong Kong, where the Chinese first took to the game, will look forward with every eagerness to the day when China's team takes the field in their greatest trial.

China do not expect to win any of their encounters, but it is the ambition of those responsible that the 22 players will benefit materially by the knowledge gained while on tour and impart their knowledge to the less fortunate ones on their return to their native cities and towns, thereby improving the standard of what must now be called China's national sport.



LEE TIN SANG



TAM KONG PAK



LEUNG WING CHIU



TSUI AH FAI

"A" Team Pen Sketches

CHENG KWAI-LIANG (Tay first team. He was a member of the South China team which toured Australia in 1923 and which, on their return to the Colony, won the League championship. In 1924 Lee went to Shanghai and played for Singapore in the Inter-State competition for the H.M.S. Malaya Cup trophy in 1931, 1932 and 1933. He came to Hong Kong in the latter stages of 1933 when he teamed up with South China, being twice selected for the Colony against Shanghai in the Interport series in 1933 and 1935, and also representing the H. K. C. A. A. F. at the China National Games in the same seasons. He secured his first Far Eastern "cap" in 1924 for the victorious Chinese eleven and was also in the Hong Kong Chinese team which won the China National title at Shanghai last October. He is a post graduate student. (Height 5 ft. 5 ins., Weight 10 st. 2 lb., age 29).

LEE WAI-TONG (inside-left), idol of the Chinese soccer public, has been playing football for the last 15 years. He is a commercial Secretary by profession. His first game was at inside-left with the second eleven, but he showed such good form that the following season (1921) found him in the

first team. He was a member of the South China team which toured Australia in 1923 and which, on their return to the Colony, won the League championship. In 1924 Lee went to Shanghai and played for Singapore in the Inter-State competition for the H.M.S. Malaya Cup trophy in 1931, 1932 and 1933. He came to Hong Kong in the latter stages of 1933 when he teamed up with South China, being twice selected for the Colony against Shanghai in the Interport series in 1933 and 1935, and also representing the H. K. C. A. A. F. at the China National Games in the same seasons. He secured his first Far Eastern "cap" in 1924 for the victorious Chinese eleven and was also in the Hong Kong Chinese team which won the China National title at Shanghai last October. He is a post graduate student. (Height 5 ft. 5 ins., Weight 10 st. 2 lb., age 29).

FUNG KING-CHEONG (centre-forward), who is a policeman employed by the Kwangtung Provincial Government, is undoubtedly the greatest soccer leader China has ever produced. A born schemer, he is invaluable in the China attack. He first started with South China juniors in 1924, being promoted two years later, since when he has been one of the most prolific goal-scorers. He played for the Colony against Shanghai in 1932, he led the China attack at the 1934 Far Eastern Olympic Games in Manila, and has also toured the South Seas on several occasions. (Height 5 ft. 7 ins., Weight 9 st. 12 lb., age 29).

SUEN KAM-SHUN (inside-forward) was born in Hong Kong and is a merchant by profession. He started his soccer career in 1924 and has been one of the greatest personalities on the football field since and one of the most prolific goal-scorers. He re-



CHAN CHAN WO

presented China at the Far Eastern Olympic Games in 1925, 1927 and 1930 and has played for both Hong Kong and Shanghai in the Interport series. He also represented Shanghai in the National Games during his stay in the North. (Height 5 ft. 6 ins., Weight 12 st. 7 lb., age 30).

TSO KWA-SHING (right-wing), one of the Olympic side's right-wingers, was born in Hong Kong and is undoubtedly among the fastest wingers that China has produced. Also a prolific goal-scorer, he is another player of widespread repute, being conspicuous in the Interport series be-

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Owing to unavoidable circumstances, a sudden change in the plans of the All-China Berlin Olympic football team was made yesterday and, instead of the 18 players—Chua Boon-lay, Wong Ki-leung, Tsui Ah-fai and Mak Shui-hon are not going to Shanghai—leaving this morning, 12 members of the team left yesterday afternoon by the m.v. Potsdam for Shanghai.

Among those who sailed yesterday were Pau Ka-ping (goal-keeper), Lee Tin-sang and Tam Kong-pak (full-backs); Leung



S. D. LIANG

sailed for Shanghai this afternoon by the s.s. Hoi Chen, while Lee Wai-tong will be taking a plane from Canton. Suen Kam-shun will probably be travelling North by the s.s. President Grant on Saturday.

Interviewed to-day, Lee Wai-tong said the sudden change of programme was unavoidable, and their programme of two games in Shanghai would consequently have to be changed. The players who sailed yesterday will probably meet the Portuguese International team on Sunday next, April 26, while the remaining players would arrive in time for the pick of the complement to meet the all-Shanghai side.



LEE WAI TONG

Wing-chiu, Wong Mee-shun and Lee Kwok-wai (half-backs); "Darkie" Chan, Yeung Shui-yick, K. L. Kia, Fung King-cheong, Cheuk Shek-kam and Ip Pak-wa, (forwards), while Mr. Chow Ka-ki, representing the General Secretary of the N.A.A.F. and who was one of the Olympic Selection Committee, is managing the team.

Of the remaining six players Tso Kwai-shing, S. D. Liang, Tio Hian-guan and Chan Kwai-liang



SUEN KAM SHUN



TAY QUEE LIANG



TSO KWAI SHING



K. L. KIA



CHEUK SHEK KAM



WONG KI LEUNG



TIO HIAN GUAN



PAU KA PING



MAK SHUI HONG



CHUA BOON LAY



WONG MEE SHUN



LEE KWOK WAI

"B" Team Pen Sketches

YEUNG SHUI-YICK (left-wing) was born in Hong Kong and is at present in the Canton Army in the Officers' Training Corps. He first came into prominence in the 1929-30 season, when he played for the South China A.A. senior team. Last year he played on the right-wing for the "B" in their debut in the senior Hong Kong League. He toured the South Seas under Pau Ka-ping as a reserve forward, and has twice represented Kwangtung in the China National Games. (Height 5 ft. 4 ins., Weight 9 st. 4 lb., age 25).

CHEUK SHEK-KAM (inside-right) is a comparative newcomer to senior soccer and is the youngest member of the team, being only 23 years of age. He toured the South Seas in 1930 as a reserve forward and represented Kwangtung in the China National Games last October in Shanghai. (Height 5 ft. 4½ ins., Weight 10 st., age 23).

TIO HIAN-GUAN (centre-forward) was born in Batavia and is a book-keeper and correspondence clerk for a firm in Java. He first came into prominence as a sprinter on the cinder track and is reputed to have covered 100 metres in under 11 seconds. He is also a boxer of no mean repute, but his reputation as a footballer in the Dutch East Indies is his main asset. He captained the Java team at the 1934 Olympic Games in Manila and was centre-forward for the All-Java team on three occasions against visiting teams. (Height 5 ft. 6 ins., Weight 10 st. 8 lb., age 25).

IP PAK-WA (inside-forward) is employed in the Kwangtung Provincial Government as a Police Officer and is one of the finest left-wingers ever seen in China. His early football days go as far back as 1923, when he played for South China juniors. He was promoted in 1925 and has played either at inside-left or left-winger since. Although he has been a brilliant performer, Ip Pak-wa can only claim two Far Eastern Olympic "caps," Tokyo (1930) and Manila (1934). He has played in the National Games twice for

Hong Kong. (Height 5 ft. 4 ins., Weight 10 st. 2 lb., age 29).

S. D. LIANG (right-half) and **K. L. KIA** (right-wing), both of the Three Cultures, Shanghai, were born in the northern metropolis, and are comparative newcomers to soccer, only coming into the limelight last season. They have represented Shanghai in the National Games, but have not yet secured Interport "caps" or Far Eastern Olympic recognition. Both are students. S. D. Liang—height 5 ft. 6 ins., Weight 10 st. 8 lbs., age 24. K. L. Kia—height 5 ft., Weight 10 st. 9 lb., age 24).

WONG MEE-SHUN (centre-half), owner of a lorry service, first played football in 1923, when he turned out for the South China second eleven. He was tried in several positions, but was best suited to the outside-left berth. His first participation in representative football was in 1925, when he gained a place in the Chinese eleven which went to the Far Eastern Olympiad at Manila. After that he played in the first eleven and has done so ever since. He has occupied both the centre-half and centre-forward positions and has won Interport recognition (1932 and 1936). (Height 5 ft. 8 ins., Weight 11 st. 4 lb., age 30).

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FUNG KING CHEONG



IP PAK WA



YEUNG SHUI YICK

POPULAR FAVOURITES
COLUMBIA

- C 205—Pourquoi Rever Lucienne Boyer.
Mais Si Tu Pars.
C 222—Sous Le Ciel D'Afrique Josephine Baker.
Esquibale.
C 227—The Music goes round and round B.B.C. Dance Orch.
The Broken record.
C 226—The Lady in red Midnight Melody Boys.
Muchacha.
C 225—None but the weary heart Albert Sandler & Orch.
Hassan Serenade.
C 211—Blue Danube waltz Debroy Somers Band.
Vienna Blood.
C 204—Samoan love song Andy Iona and Islanders.
Nohea I Muolau Lani.
C 223—Who's Who at Whipsnade Animal Entertainers.
C 220—Parade of Parades Quentin Maclean-Organ.

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"B" TEAM PEN
SKETCHES

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LEE KWOK-WAI (left-half), an Army physical instructor, was born in Hong Kong, playing his first game of football in 1925 when he turned out for the South China second eleven. Despite his good performance, he did not gain a place in the first team till 1932, this being due to the fact that there were too many claims for the eleven places, in the side. He toured the South Seas under Pau Ka-ping in 1927, and in 1934 he was chosen to play for China in the Olympic Games. In that same year he just missed his Colony "cap" being chosen as reserve for the Interport against Shanghai, but secured his place in the team last February against Shanghai (Height 5 ft. 6 ins., Weight 10 st., age 24).

CHUA BOON LAY (left-back), a Straits merchant, was born in Singapore and is a player of vast experience. A veteran among Singapore players, he has on many occasions played in Inter-State matches for the H.M.S. Malaya Cup and has also toured Hong Kong and Shanghai with the Malayan Chinese team in 1927. He was outstanding at the China National Games in Shanghai last year. Height 5 ft. 11½ ins., Weight 11½ st., age 32.

MAK SHUI-HON (right-back) was born in Hong Kong and is a fully-fledged pilot with the Canton Air Force. He played for the Athletic as a forward in 1930, but later was transferred to the full-back division, where he has remained ever since. Has visited Java with the Athletic side in 1930 and has represented Kwangtung at the China National Games in 1933 and 1935. (Height 5 ft. 7 in., Weight 8 st. 12 lb., age 24).

WONG KI-LEUNG (goalkeeper) was born in Hong Kong and is at present studying at Sun-Yat-San University (Canton). He is a fine all-rounder being a good swimmer and water-polo player and also a useful basketball player. He started

TEAM ITINERARY
Leaving For Europe
On Saturday WeekNO MATCH ON CONTINENT
BEFORE GAMES

The team sailed for Shanghai to-day and will play three or four games there, leaving on May 2 by the French mail steamer for Saigon, where they will participate in two or three games.

They will then sail for Java, via Singapore, arriving in Batavia on May 15. Nine or ten games will be played in Java, before the team leave Batavia on June 3.

A tentative programme has been arranged for the period following their Java tour: two games in Singapore on June 6 and 7, and then one game at Medan, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta.

No further games will be played after the team's arrival at Genoa until the Olympic Games in Berlin.

REFEREES' ASSN. MEETING

The half-monthly, and probably the last this season, meeting of the Hong Kong Referees' Association will be held in the offices of the Hong Kong Football Association, Sports Club, at 8 p.m. on Monday next.

TSUI BROTHERS EXPECTED TO WIN TITLE

"A" TEAM PEN
SKETCHES

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tween Hong Kong and Shanghai and in the Far Eastern Olympiad. He travelled with the Chinese team to Australia and Malaya in 1927 and played in the Far Eastern Olympic Games for China in Shanghai (1927), in Tokyo (1930) and in Manila (1934). He represented Hong Kong against Shanghai in the Interport series in 1927 and 1935. He is an insurance canvasser by profession. (Height 5 ft. 5 ins., Weight 9 st. 9 lb., age 29).

"DARKE" CHAN (Chan Chan-wo) (left-half and left-wing) was born in Java and is also a graduate of the Canton Air Force, having previously studied in Shanghai. He toured Australia with Lee Wai-tong in 1927 and played for Loh Hwa in Shanghai from 1926 to 1930. He secured two Interports for Shanghai in 1927 and again this year, being a member of the Three Cultures Club in Shanghai. (Height 5 ft. 5 ins., Weight 10 st. 7 lb., age 26).

TSUI AH-FAI (centre-half) is a graduate of the Canton Air Force and one of the finest pivots ever seen in the Colony. He first started soccer with the Straits Chinese Football Club in Singapore and, like Boon Lay, is an Inter-State player of great experience. He also toured Hong Kong and Shanghai, during the China National Games in 1927. He went to Shanghai in 1930 to study at the Chunan University and in that season played against the Colony in the Interport series. (Height 5 ft. 7 ins., Weight 10 st., age 24).

LEUNG WING-CHIU (right-half) was born in Hong Kong and is a banking clerk by profession. He is another of the many players who started with the South China second team in 1924. He originally played at full-back, but two years later, when he gained promotion he played in the intermediate line. He has been capped three times for Hong Kong in the Interport series (1933, 1934 and 1935), and played for China once in the Far Eastern Olympic Games (1934). (Height 5 ft. 6 ins., weight 10 st. 6 lb., age 25).

TAM KONG-PAK (left-back) was born in Hong Kong and started with South China A.A., commencing his career as a brilliant inside-forward. He is an outstanding personality in soccer circles, his headwork being renowned throughout the length and breadth of China. He has toured the South Seas, played at the Far Eastern Olympiad in Manila (1934) and in Interports against Shanghai (1934 and 1935). He is a traffic policeman with the Canton Police Force. (Height 5 ft. 10 ins., Weight 11 st. 9 lb., age 25).

LEE TIN-SANG (right-back) was born in Hong Kong and is employed as a traffic policeman in Canton. He is reputed to be the finest full-back ever produced by China and a certainty for the Games. Starting soccer with South China A.A. in 1926, he later toured the South Seas. He represented China at the Far Eastern Olympiad in 1930 (Tokyo) and 1934 (Manila), visited Australia in 1927 with the Loh Hwa team, and represented Hong Kong against Shanghai (1932) and February (1935). He started as inside-forward, but reverted to full-back after two seasons. (Height 5 ft. 6 ins., Weight 9 st. 4 lb., aged 30).

PAU KA-PING (goalkeeper) was born in Hong Kong and is a solicitor's clerk. He first played League soccer in 1926 for St. Joseph's and the Athletic (League champions then), transferring to South China in 1929 as centre-forward. He captained a team which toured the South Seas (1929-30), and played in the Far Eastern Olympic Games as goalkeeper in 1927 in Shanghai, and also at the China National Games for Hong Kong since 1930. He is considered to be the finest custodian in China. (Height 5 ft. 10 ins., Weight 8 st. 5 lb., age 28).

GREAT METROPOLITAN

London, to-day.—In the Great Metropolitan over 2¼ miles at third, three lengths behind, in a field of 19.—Reuter.



Jimmy Braddock, world heavyweight boxing champion, and F. Pedro of Spain, international champion of the jai alai courts, have something in common even if they do not play the same games. Jimmy is congratulating the Spanish champion after Pedro received his trophy at Miami, Florida.

THREE SENIOR
SOCCER GAMES
FOR TO-DAY

Rifles Should Beat
East Lances.

RECREIO AND SAINTS
FAVoured TO WIN

Three games in the First Division and one in the Second Division of the football League take place this afternoon, and, despite the fact that none of the Chinese teams will be on view, the standard of football should be good.

The Rifles will be opposed to the East Lances, and, judging on the form displayed by these two teams recently, the first named should win by a narrow margin. The Rifles' type of football will probably disorganise the East Lances' defence, which is by no means very strong.

Saints Favoured
Providing they turn out a full team, St. Joseph's should have no difficulty in taking the points from Lyemun, who are a weak, though much-improved side. Last week Costa went up to the intermediate line for the Saints, but that was probably only in the nature of an experiment, and as he is a much better back than a half, he may return to his original position.

The most evenly contested game of the afternoon will probably be that between Club de Recreio and Kowloon with the former holding a slight advantage all the way through. Kowloon are such an uncertain team, that there is no knowing when they will spring a surprise, but Recreio should be sufficiently strong enough to guard against this.

In the only Second Division fixture of the afternoon, the Engineers should prove too good for the combined R.A.S.C. and R.A.O.C. team.

The following is to-day's programme:

FIRST DIVISION	
Rifles	v East Lances (Chatham Road, 5 p.m.)
Lyemun	v St. Joseph's (Causeway Bay, 5.15 p.m.)
Club de Recreio	v Kowloon (Kowloon ground, 5.15 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION	
Engineers	v R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C. (Chatham Road, 3.15 p.m.)

LADY HOCKEY STAR
LEAVESMiss Bryson To Have
Trip On "Queen Mary"

Miss Marion Bryson, above, the Colony lady interport hockey player, and probably the most outstanding centre-half in the history of ladies' hockey in Hong Kong, left the Colony to-day for Europe via Japan and the United States by the m.v. Tatsuta Maru.

Miss Bryson will cross the Atlantic aboard the "Queen Mary," Britain's greatest contribution to the Atlantic passenger service and the finest ship afloat.

and Jack Tar at 100 to 3 dead-beated, while Corona Corona was third, three lengths behind, in a field of 19.—Reuter.

U.S. BASEBALL
RESULTS

Giants Nose Out
Phillies

ATHLETICS ALSO BEATEN

New York, to-day.
The following were the results of the League baseball matches played yesterday:

National League		R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	.....	6	9	1
New York	.....	7	11	2
Moore and Mancuso hit home runs.				
Boston	.....	6	12	2
Brooklyn	.....	6	15	2
Darkness ended the game.				

The games between Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates and Cincinnati Reds and St. Louis Cardinals were postponed on account of rain.

American League		R.	H.	E.
New York	.....	7	13	1
Dickey hit a home run.				
Philadelphia	.....	6	11	1

Washington 1 3 1
Boston 8 9 1
McNair hit a homer.

The game was called in the seventh innings on account of the wet ground.

Due to the extraordinarily cold weather the matches between St. Louis Browns and Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox were postponed.—Reuter.

THE TREVESSA
TROPHY

Win For B. and S.
Entry

HISTORY OF THE RACE

The 25th bi-annual race for the Trevesa Trophy was sailed at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday when the Butterfield and Swire boat, Liang Chow, finished three minutes ahead of the King Chow, another B. and S. entry, to take first place.

At the conclusion of the race the "Trevesa" Trophy was presented to Mr. Reid by Mr. Drummond, Oriental Manager of the Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd.

In calling upon Mr. Drummond to do so, Mr. H. S. Rouse, Vice-Commodore of the Yacht Club, said that it was a member of the Club who presented the trophy to commemorate the splendid effort and discipline of Capt. Foster and members of the crew of the Trevesa, which founded in the Indian ocean. Covering 1,700 miles the life boats managed to land at Mauritius.

Mr. Drummond remarked that the J.C.Y.C. had won the event on eight or nine occasions, Jardines and Douglas six times each, B. and S. three times and the C.P.R. once.

He seemed to recall that the C.P.R. had been first on another occasion but it was found that the coxswain had had "a horseshoe in his glove" and he was disqualified. (laughter).

In conclusion Mr. Drummond

BOTH PAIRS LACK
UNDERSTANDING
FOUR INDIVIDUALS ON
THE COURTFINCHER AND HUNG QUITE USED
TO FINALS

(By "Base-Line")

TO-DAY'S Colony Lawn Tennis Doubles Championship Final, though promising to be a close match, will not be quite like a final in the regrettable absence of those two gay cavaliers of the court H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn, who for the first time in 12 years will not be taking part.

On paper Tsui Wai-pui, the newly crowned Singles champion, and his brother Tsui Yan-pui look to be the better combination, and on achievements in the present series they must be given pride of place—they eliminated the holders for the past 11 years and also Lee Wai-tong and Luk Ding-cheong, either of which pair would probably have beaten Teddy Fincher and Willie Hung, the other finalists to-day.

Neither pair can boast perfect, or even good, understanding, but the more decisive volleying of the Chinese players should turn the scales in their favour. Against Lee and Luk they were not very impressive due entirely to the lobbing tactics of their opponents, but to-day they should be much more at home against the faster type of play served up by Fincher and Hung.

GOLDMAN WINS

Third Success In Club
Championship

PAGH'S PLUCKY DISPLAY

Making a point of winning the Hong Kong Cricket Club's Lawn Tennis Championship every alternate year since 1932, "Lollie" Goldman, formerly one of the finest all-rounders in the Far East, beat M. Pagh by scores of 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 in the Final of the 1936 Championship before a small crowd at the H.K.C.C. yesterday.

Pagh played a very plucky game and performed very much better than I had expected, the match being more evenly fought out than the score might suggest. His refusal to go to the net or to take anything overhead lost him many valuable opportunities.

Goldman played a very steady all-court game and deservedly won, always having the match well in hand.

The following shows how they reached the Final:

L. GOLDMAN	
beat B. O'M. Deane	6-2, 7-5.
beat Lt. Cdr. S. F. Stapleton	6-2, 6-4.
beat Surg.-Lt. W. A. S. Grant	6-2, 6-4.
beat A. L. Sullivan	6-4, 6-2, 6-0.
M. PAGH	
run by into Second Round:	
beat T. A. Pearce	7-5, 6-3.
beat H. J. Armstrong	6-4, 6-0.
beat D. M. MacDougall	6-3, 8-6, 6-4.

H. K. JOCKEY CLUB
CLASSIFICATION

The following are Alterations and additions to the classification lists of the Hong Kong Jockey Club dated April 21.

Australian Ponies	
Australian Boy to "A" Class.	
Night Star, Rose Ann, Snowy River and The Dunlin to "B" Class.	
China Ponies	
Honeycomb Eve and Royal Scot to "A" Class.	
Bear Claw and King's Fancy to "B" Class.	
Harvest View and Racing Pluck to "C" Class.	
Classic Hall, Estover, Glen Shee, Gold Coin, Pride of Tsingtau, Racing Boy, R. T. P., Soldier of Italy and Tillicum to "D" Class.	
Locksley Hall, Mike, The Coot and The Rain Gauge to "E" Class.	

congratulated Mr. Reid and his crew on winning yesterday's event.

Full Results
The following are the complete results:

	Hrs.	Mins.	Secs.
1 Liang Chow	57	15
2 King Chow	1	03
3 Sze Chuen	1	01
4 Lu Chow	1	02
5 Sui Sang	1	05
Seistan and Yuen Sang did not finish.			

Fincher is good, providing the light is satisfactory—witness his poor display in bad light when partnering "Buster" Andrews against his rivals to-day—while Hung is a very inconsistent player capable of rising to great heights, as he did in last year's Final.

It will be a close match and the winning of the first set will have a great deal to do with the ultimate result.

How They Reached Final

TSUI WAI-PI AND
TSUI YAN-PI

beat W. and K. Shute	6-0, 6-2.	
beat A. W. Ramsay and G. C. Burnett	6-2, 6-3.	
beat H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn (holders)	6-3, 5-7, 6-4.	
beat Lee Wai-tong and Luk Ding-cheong	7-5, 1-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.	
E. C. FINCHER AND W. C. HUNG	beat Y. N. Tong and P. L. Lee	6-1, 6-3.
beat J. Tavares and M. Drysdale	6-4, 6-3.	
beat L. Goldman and T. A. Pearce	6-0, 6-4.	
beat M. K. and M. W. Lo	6-4, 7-5, 6-2.	

All Doubles Winners.

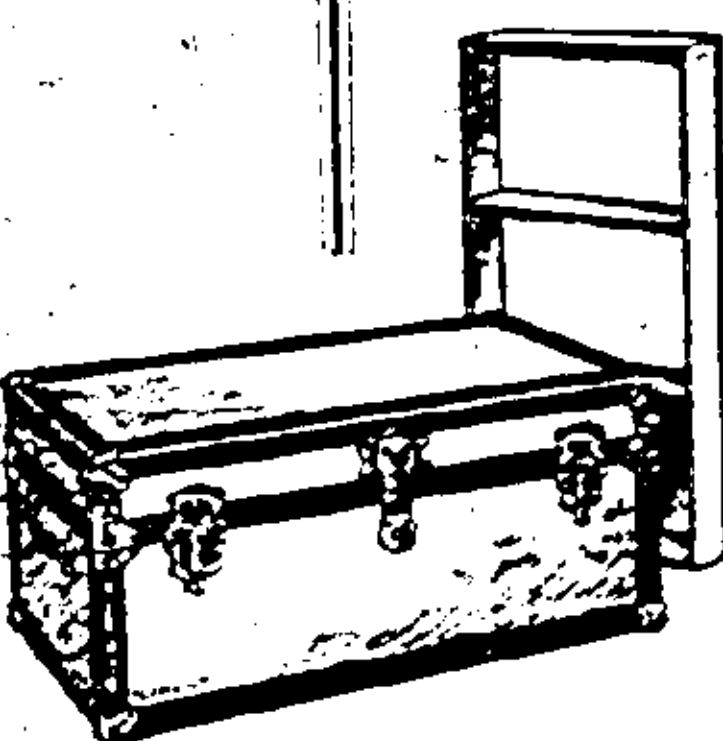
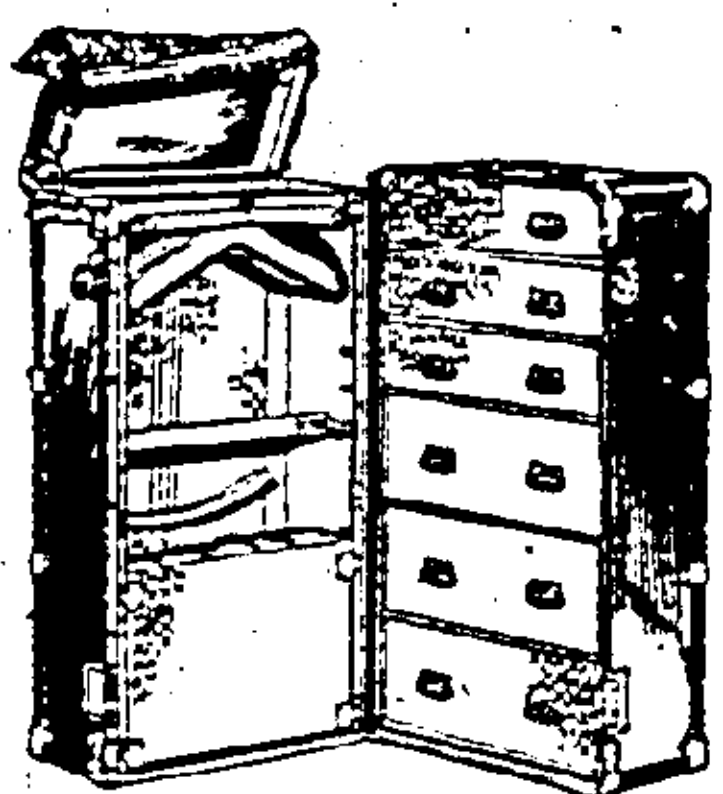
The following have won the Doubles title since the inception of the competition in 1917.

1917—Ng Sze-kwong and Wong Po Keung;	runners-up—Rev. Cooper Hunt and S. E. Green.
1918—Ng Sze-kwong and Wong Po Keung;	runners-up—H. A. Nisbet and E. R. B. Hancock.
1919—Ng Sze-kwong and Wong Po Keung;	runners-up—N. E. Kent and F. A. Redmond.
1920—M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo;	runners-up—Ng Sze-kwong and A. H. Rumjahn.
1921—H. R. B. Hancock and H. Hancock;	runners-up—Major H. M. Edwards and R. Townsend.
1922—Ng Sze-kwong and Wei Wing Lok;	runners-up—Wong Po Keung and V. Yvanovich.
1923—Ng Sze-kwong and Wei Wing Lok;	runners-up—E. E. S. Dods and A. E. Raworth.
1924—O. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn;	runners-up—Ng Sze-kwong and C. Choa.
1925—S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn;	runners-up—Capt. C. H. D. O'Callaghan and C. E. Gowler.
1926—S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn;	runners-up—Major Pratt and Major W. B. Stevenson.
1927—S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn;	runners-up—T. Honda and T. Akiyama.
1928—S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn;	runners-up—H. R. B. Hancock and Dr. B. E. Tottenham.
1929—S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn;	runners-up—J. S. McEachran and L. Goldman.
1930—S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn;	runners-up—Paul Kong and Ho Ka Lau.
1931—S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn;	runners-up—C. A. L. Rumjahn and J. A. E. Casamihoy.
1932—S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn;	runners-up—L. Goldman and E. C. Fincher.
1933—S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn;	runners-up—L. Goldman and E. C. Fincher.
1934—S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn;	runners-up—L. Goldman and E. C. Fincher.
1935—S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn;	runners-up—Ho Ka Lau and W. C. Hong.



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Aircraft In Modern
Naval Tactics

In his survey of the British naval position given in the House of Commons last month, Lord Stanley was, on the whole, reassuring. He covered a wide field, ranging from questions of shipbuilding policy to the welfare of the lower deck, and included a well-reasoned vindication of the battleship. He dwelt at some length on the Admiralty's appreciation of the air factor in naval operations, as well as on the steps that are being taken to render the Fleet less vulnerable to the new menace. There can be no doubt that the situation which developed in the Eastern Mediterranean last autumn found the Fleet seriously deficient in many respects, not least in equipment for repelling air attack. The belated repair of such deficiencies is largely responsible for the sharp rise in the Estimates.

Lord Stanley, after quoting an Admiralty dictum that "the Navy and the air are peculiarly complementary, and in future must work ever closer together," gave some figures of the Fleet Air Arm. Apart from such extra provision as may be made in supplementary estimates at a later date, the present Estimates budget for an additional 27 machines, which will bring the total of the Navy's shipborne aircraft to 217. According to reliable statistics, the United States Navy already has 1,000 aircraft at its disposal, and the Japanese 300. If these figures are even approximately accurate no one can pretend that the British Fleet Air Arm is adequate. That intimate co-operation of ships with aircraft which, in expert opinion, is vital to the conduct of modern naval tactics, cannot be practised under realistic conditions without a sufficiency of aircraft, which, as the official figures show, does not yet exist.

If the arguments on which the Admiralty bases its unshaken faith in the battleship have a familiar ring, it is only fair to say that they have not yet been controverted. As has been shown by recent correspondence in the Home papers, even naval officers are divided on the question of the battleship's utility. We believe, however, that Lord Stanley is justified in claiming that active naval officers, foreign no less than British, unanimously hold battleships to be indispensable. The fact that no fewer than eight capital ships of the largest dimensions are now being built in Continental dockyards supports this claim. France, Italy and Germany would not be spending enormous sums on these mastodons unless their best naval brains were satisfied that such vessels are essential. In the ensuing debate Mr. Winston Churchill paid a well-deserved tribute to the good understanding which the Admiralty has reached with its American colleagues. The naval aims of the two Powers have so much in common that rivalry is out of the question. For a former First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander launched a singularly feeble attack on the Government's naval policy. His one effective point was that any increase in British naval strength may automatically produce a proportionate expansion of the German fleet, under the terms of the Anglo-German naval covenant. That contingency was, of course, foreseen, but it does not detract from the value of an agreement which

HONG KONG S.P.C.

Departure Of Sir T.
And Lady SouthernSOCIETY'S LOSS BY DEATH
OF MR. M. A. COOPER

Reference to the recent death of Mr. M. A. Cooper was made at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the Protection of Children last Monday evening. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, who presided, said the late Mr. Cooper was one of the most valuable members of the Society and had done a great deal of hard work as Joint Honorary Director and District Secretary. His death was a very grievous loss to the Society.

As a mark of respect to Mr. Cooper's memory, the members of the Committee stood in silence, and it was decided to send a letter of condolence to the relatives.

New members welcomed by the Chairman were Sir William Horrell and Mr. J. Middleton Smith.

A cheque for \$2,000, proceeds of the street sale of flowers, was received from the Women's Auxiliary of the Society, warm appreciation being expressed for the Auxiliary's activities in this connection.

The Committee expressed gratification at the prompt manner in which the Government, on the representations made by Dr. Nash, had opened the Western branch clinic for children.

Sir T. Southern

Letters were read from the Hon. Sir Thomas Southern resigning his membership of the Society and from Lady Southern resigning her position as Vice-President, in view of their pending departure from the Colony.

The Chairman said Lady Southern had rendered invaluable service to the Society in her capacity as Vice-President and as President of the Women's Auxiliary, which had been instrumental in raising large sums of money. Sir Thomas Southern had helped the Society in every way possible, both officially and unofficially, and as the creator of the Children's Playground Association he had initiated a movement which was bringing about a great improvement in the health and well-being of the youth of the Colony.

The Committee placed on record its deep appreciation of the services of Sir Thomas and Lady Southern, and expressed the hope that they would be happy in their new sphere of labour.

Finance

The case report for March showed that at the end of the month there were under supervision 793 cases, the new cases for the month totalling 127. There had been 580 visits by inspectors to houses, whilst persons visiting the Society's offices numbered 2,765. The average income per head per month of the cases handled was \$1.66, compared with \$1.49 in February. The respective figures for Kowloon were \$1.34 and \$1.20.

The financial statement for the month showed that there was an excess of expenditure over income totalling \$397.55.

It was reported that Mr. L. D. Skinner, Hon. secretary for the Eastern branch, was proceeding on leave, and that the Rev. H. W. Baines and friends had undertaken to carry out the duties during his absence. Mr. Skinner was thanked for his services and thanks were also expressed to the Rev. H. W. Baines and friends for offering to act for him.

EXPLANATION
OF TO-DAY'S
CARTOONHome In A Butter
Churn

LEON Plant, 65-year-old handy man in the village of Roseau, Minnesota, has consistently refused the aid of State and Federal relief agencies directed to his plight, although his age and inactivity make him eligible. Plant inherited an old butter churn from a defunct creamery where he was employed at one time, and has made it his home for the last four years. A crude bed, oil stove, clock and other scant necessities comprise the furnishings of his adopted home, in which he lives as happily as though it were a castle.

stabilises the relative strength of the two navies over an indefinite period.

Here
There
and
Everywhere.

NEGLECTED OATMEAL

The House of Commons laughed loudly recently at Mr. Robert Boothby's praise of oatmeal, echoed by Mr. Baldwin.

But, in fact, far too little oatmeal is eaten in England, especially as the country grows enough oats to be entirely self-supporting and oatmeal is one of the cheapest and most nutritious foods known. So little do the English eat that the Scots farmer can get only 12s. a quarter for the oatmeal which it costs him £1 to produce.

English porridge is a mockery of the genuine Scots dish. It is usually made of treated oatmeal, lightly boiled, whereas the real Scots porridge is made from pure meal and boiled for an hour.

There is a story of an American who, at his first breakfast in England, was confronted with a dish of English porridge. "Hey!" he called to the waiter. "Have I had this, or am I about to have it?"

Your Daily Smile!

TOO FAR AWAY

In the course of an argument, a Canadian informed an Englishman that the inhabitants of the Old Country were too reserved.

"Oh, nonsense," replied the Englishman. "Why years ago, when I was in the Cambridge 'eight,' I knew all the other fellows quite well; that is, all except one, and he was away up in the bow."

Billboard vs. Trees

Travellers on highways will understand the versifier who thus parodies Joyce Kilmer's beautiful tribute to trees:

I think that I shall never see
A billboard lovely as a tree.
Perhaps, unless the billboards fall,
I'll never see a tree at all.

An Athlete

He was telling his aunt why the motorist was being questioned by the policeman.

"He's been jumping the traffic lights," he said.

"Extraordinary!" she remarked. "He doesn't look a bit like an athlete."

WALKED INTO PROPELLER

Leading Aircraftman H. S. Brown last month walked into the revolving propeller of a machine at the R.A.F. Training School, Wittering (Northants), and was instantly killed.

GERMAN MILITARY
AMBITIONSLOCARNO HELPED HER
TO RE-ARMALLIES' CONCESSIONS PROVIDED A
"CONSIDERATION" RECEIVED

(By J. H. Morgan, K.C.)

Late Deputy Adjutant-General and British Military Member of the Inter-Allied Commission of Armaments Control in Germany, 1919-23.

London, March 18. IN these moments, so fateful for the peace of Europe, it is incumbent on all of us studiously to avoid any kind of comment which might exacerbate the situation. But facts are another matter. And there are certain facts, very relevant to the tremendous issues at stake, which have escaped all notice during the past few days.

They are facts which, once known—and they are not generally known—will, I hope, illuminate the situation without exacerbating it. In this article I confine the exposition of them to the most vital.

There were two implied covenants attaching to the negotiation and ratification of the Treaty of Mutual Guarantee commonly known as the "Pact of Locarno." Neither of them is to be found in the text of the Pact nor, indeed, in any part of the Protocol.

When "Control" Was Withdrawn

Those covenants represented what a lawyer would call the "consideration" exacted and received by Germany for her acceptance of the Pact. One was the evacuation of the Rhineland by the Allied armies many years in advance of the period stipulated by the Treaty of Versailles. The other was the almost immediate withdrawal of the Control Commission whose mission it was to "disarm" Germany.

Both these covenants were duly carried out by the Governments of England, France, and Belgium.

Few, indeed, are they in England who have any conception of the lengths to which the British and French Governments went in performing these covenants and, indeed, much more than was covenanted. It was not merely that the

Control Commission was ordered to withdraw on the faith of pledges by the German Government that Germany's continuing defaults in the matter of disarmament would be cured. The work of "demilitarising" the Rhineland—in other words, the execution of Articles 43 and 180 of the Treaty of Versailles—was also abandoned.

Works Never Destroyed

The Control Commission had confined its operations, in the execution of these two articles, largely to the Neutral Zone, and even there, as in the case of nearly every other of the "disarmament" clauses, it had waived its rights, in the face of German representations as to the "commercial" utility of belligerent things, by leaving two strategic railways intact.

But on the left bank of the Rhine the Commission deliberately postponed for the convenience of the Allied Armies of occupation all destruction of the "permanent works of mobilisation" until those Armies should have evacuated the Rhineland. When evacuation eventually took place, the Control Commission had already been withdrawn and, out of deference to "the Spirit of Locarno," the works were never destroyed at all. The advantage taken of our deference is manifest to-day.

And so with "armed forces" in the Rhineland. In December, 1922, I discovered and reported, as the British officer responsible for the control of German "effectives," that the so-called Security Police were identical with the Reichswehr, and the report was accepted in London and Paris as conclusive.

Second-Line Troops

They were, in fact, second-line troops. But here also, out of deference to German susceptibilities (Continued on Page 10)

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



ARMAMENT BUDGET BITTER LABOUR CRITICISM

"GRAVE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK"

London, To-day.

The Armament Budget attracted an unusually large and animated crowd, and the Distinguished Strangers Gallery of the House of Commons and the Diplomatic Gallery were full, including many representatives of the Dominions.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain opened his Budget speech amid cheers, at 3.33 p.m.

The most remarkable and astonishing fact was the surplus of nearly £3,000,000, compared to his estimate of only £500,000, considering that whereas he estimated supplementary estimates of £4,000,000, he had provided a sum of nearly £14,000,000. That was a wonderful demonstration of the revenue's buoyancy. The country had every reason to congratulate itself that up to the present it had taken comfortably in its stride new and unexpected demands on its resources.

Mr. Chamberlain drew the conclusion that there was a general increase in the country's wealth and expansion of trade activity.

National Debt Reduced
He revealed that the exchange equalisation fund still continued to show a profit. During the year the national debt had been reduced by £4,500,000 while the floating debt was reduced by £51,500,000. No increased provision would be made for redemption of the debt. The figure for the debt service would remain at £224,000,000.

The financial statement circulated as the Chancellor rose shows a total estimated expenditure for supply of services including the army, navy and air force, that amounts to £537,000,000, compared with £512,000,000 spent last year.

The Chancellor announced that he had decided to set aside a further £20,000,000 this year for supplementary estimates for the Defence Services. In addition to the estimates already published, for new defence expenditure for 1936 and 1937 there would be for the Royal Air Force, £10,000,000, while the sum required for the army and navy was uncertain, but would probably be about the same. Expenditure for 1936, including supplementary estimates would be nearly £798,000,000.

Increases in Revenue
Against the large increase of expenditure Mr. Chamberlain expected substantial increase in revenue. His estimates from Customs and Excise was £314,000,000, being an increase of £10,500,000 compared with last year, while it was estimated that income tax revenue would be £248,000,000, an increase of £10,000,000.

It is anticipated that an increased revenue of over £10,000,000 would be obtained from beer, tobacco, oil, silk imports and the Ottawa duties, the total inland revenue being £420,000,000. The total revenue from all sources on the basis of present taxation was nearly £776,000,000, leaving a prospective deficit of over £21,000,000.

The Chancellor foreshadowed legal changes to prevent tax evasion, dealing particularly with those who transfer property abroad retaining control thereof, while themselves living in Britain, and so-called one-man companies, which should produce an additional £2,000,000 this year or £4,000,000 in a full year. Likewise so-called educational trusts, which were leading to wholesale evasion, would be legislated for.

The Chancellor announced that he proposed to cover the deficit out of the year's revenue.

Rearmament Finance
Dealing with the problem of rearmament finance he said that it was inevitable that the whole cost should fall on the revenue for the next five years. Unless an agreement on disarmament were reached the cost of defence would rise swiftly to a peak and would not descend to the old levels. In future years, part of this expenditure might properly be met out of a loan.

He announced an increase of 3d. income tax in the pound with an increase of two pence a pound on tea, while he proposed to take over £5,000,000 from the road fund for making the estimated surplus of £500,000.

To-day's Complete Short Story

SCARLET BEADS

By Iona
Chrystal

THEY hung a single string of scarlet beads, on the rail above the trays of glass and "silver jewellery" in the great department store. They were exceptionally large and round, and the glass was so finely cut that the gleaming facets of each bead, scintillating in the electric light, gave an effect of almost uncanny brilliance. They flashed a dazzling scarlet; they melted tantalisingly into the deepest of liquid crimson. They burned, they sparkled, they danced, making splendid mock of the vulgar white card with its "only 1s. 6d." that dangled shamefacedly from them.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

"The Fatal Flash," another adventure of Dixon Hawke.

The Blonde Saleswoman turned to the Brumette.

"Look!" she murmured through half-closed lips. "Portrait of a Grey Mouse Struck by Lightning!" The Brumette turned a shingled head. At the end of the counter a droll, fair-haired little woman was standing, nervously clutching a shabby, black purse. Her faded blue eyes were fixed steadily on the scarlet beads, and they held an expression half of fear, half of exultation.

Bessie was contemplating one of the most daring acts of her existence. She was considering spending 1s. 6d. on a necklace for herself! Of course it was sheer wickedness. She knew that. Moreover it was absurd. And yet, somehow, standing there it did not seem so utterly absurd.

Bessie's eyes had lost their habitual expression of resigned hopelessness. The spirit of carnival—that was what these beads embodied, the spirit of everything reckless and free and beautiful. They might have been diamonds, suddenly gone gay in a riot of summer madness. They awoke dreams that had long since died. Bessie's eyes shone and a fragment of the beauty that had been hers returned for one fleeting moment. They were no longer a string of beads in a bargain store. They were all that was flamboyant and beautiful, gloriously out of reach of the grey fingers—the grey fingers of monotony that were always at her throat, stifling.

The only crumb for the taxpayer was an increase of children's allowance from £50 to £60. Also an increase of taxation free for married persons from £170 to £180.

An interesting measure to help the distressed areas will be the formation of a company with nominal capital of £1,000,000 to finance small businesses there. The Chancellor concluded at 5 p.m.

Labour Criticism
Major Atlee, Leader of the Opposition, described the Budget as one which "ultimately leads to war."

Labour could not accept that position.

They were told by Mr. Chamberlain that as trade was on the up grade and everything was going well, this would be thrown away on armaments.

He criticised the increased tea duty, and declared that it would cause no enthusiasm anywhere.

The Budget did not mark the Government's success, but its complete failure to deal with foreign affairs.

Grave Outlook
Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) declared that the financial outlook was graver than since 1931, the year of the Depression, and 1914.

Three years ago the Chancellor of the Exchequer described his Budget as one of great expectations.

This was the Budget of shattered hopes.

Mr. James Maxton, (Independent Labour) criticised the tea duty, and regretted that no provision had been made for social services, although there had been provision for armaments.

The House of Commons agreed to the Budget resolutions and adjourned.—Reuter.

choking. They were romance—red robes of emperors, glowing eastern sunsets, exotic flowers, scarlet coats and beating drums. . . . It was a scarlet rose that Frank had given her before he went away, before he went away and was killed. Frank, who had always said, "Don't let them trample on you, darling. Don't be weak. You'd let the whole world walk over you rather than complain. That's not strength, that's weakness!" And then she had married Tom and discovered that life was a strange grey thing instead of . . . scarlet roses. She was glad that Frank could not look into her life now. She knew what he would say. "Start again, start again while you're still young. Leave Tom and go back to your typing. You won't break Tom's heart—you haven't strength enough even for that. And you'll be free—free to take life in your two hands, and wrest a little happiness from it, instead of being slowly strangled by it."

With trembling fingers she counted out the money in her purse. Yes, she would have just enough left for two chops for Tom's tea. She laid one and sixpence in small silver on the counter. "I'll take that red necklace," she said.

From the moment it was in her hand Bessie felt a strange light-heartedness. She bought the chops, and hurried home. For once she entered without the feeling of shame that always seized her on the doorstep. She threw her parcel on the table and went immediately to the mirror. As she fastened on the beads, the colour came into her cheeks, and her eyes sparkled. Yes, they were beautiful and now they were part (Continued on Page 11.)

LEAVE TAKING AT SPORTS CLUB

Sir Thomas And Lady Southorn Feted

"FRITIFF" PARTIES RECALLED

Members of the Sports Club took the opportunity to bid farewell to Sir Thomas and Lady Southorn, who were the guests of honour at a cocktail party given at the Club yesterday, on their impending departure from the Colony.

A large number of people attended and in the course of a short speech Mr. Lam Ming-fan, the president, recalled the fact that Sir Thomas was their first Honorary Member and that he had done much to put the club in the position it enjoyed to-day. Lady Southorn, Mr. Lam said, was formerly a member of the now defunct ladies' section and she, too, had always been a good friend of the Club. He wished them the best of luck in their new home in Gambia.

Sir Thomas Replies
In rising to reply Sir Thomas said in part—

"On behalf of my wife and myself I should like to thank you all very much indeed for assembling in such large numbers and for giving us this opportunity to foregather with our friends in this happy informal farewell party of which we shall carry away the happiest recollection."

Struggle For Existence
"Ever since I opened the Sports Club in December 1928 I have watched its progress with keen interest. It was one of the first efforts at an International Social Club in Hong Kong and as such I have been very anxious for its success. But, as you know, it has had a struggle for existence and only the keen enthusiasm of a few Chinese and European supporters enabled the Club to turn the corner and achieve its present renewed prosperity. We greatly regret the absence to-day of two of the keenest of those supporters, our two gallant majors, Major Manners and Major Duclos. We hope they are both enjoying their holidays."

"For myself I shall look back with the happiest memories on our 'Fritiff' parties at the Sports Club where I have had the pleasure of meeting so many of my Chinese and European friends in happy association; and if at times we went back to our offices rather more inclined to sleep than to work, well, does not the poet say: 'Pop and the world pops with you Lime and you juice alone.' 'Ladies and Gentlemen, it is a far cry to The Gambia but we are not going to be entirely off the map as the lady who lived in Kensington was said to be by the lady who lived in Mayfair. The Gambia may be to Hong Kong as Kensington is to Mayfair but it is already on the Tourist map for we noticed that at least three Cruise ships called there this spring. So when you are next in England suffering from those mythical warm spring days just book a berth on a ship to The Gambia—only eight days—and come to us in Bathurst and bring us the latest news of Hong Kong. From what little I know of the climate you are assured of the warmest of welcomes in every sense of the word."

Sorry To Leave
"Gatherings like this are fraught with sadness as well as pleasure. We are very sorry to leave Hong Kong and our many friends here but these partings are inevitable."

"We wish you all good fortune and ask you to join with us in drinking to the prosperity of the Sports Club." (Applause.)

Lady Southorn in reply to insistent calls made a short speech thanking the speakers for their kind references to herself and for their good wishes.

Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Priestley, Mr. Chau and Mr. Ho Kom-tong also spoke in praise of Sir Thomas Southorn and of Lady Southorn's welfare work in the Colony.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Molly Pritz, aged 7, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday as the result of injuries received when she fell off a bus in Austin Road.

Professor F. A. Redmond was bitten on the left leg by a dog at the University cricket ground on Sunday. He was treated at the Government Civil Hospital and the dog was sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

A dog belonging to Mr. A. Brearley of No. 17 Peak Road bit Chan Chui-kwong, the son of a female servant, yesterday. The boy was treated at the Government Civil Hospital and the dog sent to Kennedy Town.

Fok Po-chuen, a 46-year-old widow, was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with keeping an unregistered *mui tsai*, Ng Nui, aged 12 years, at No. 24 Fat Hing Street on April 2. Defendant pleaded not guilty and said that she paid the girl 50 cents a month as wages. The case was adjourned till May 12.

The s.s. Bangalore is due here from Shanghai at 6 a.m. next Friday.

The R.M.S. of Empress of Asia, which left Vancouver on Saturday last, is due in Hong Kong on the morning of Thursday, May 7, and will leave for Manila the same evening.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan, which left Shanghai at 8.30 this morning, is due in Hong Kong at 8 a.m. on Friday and will leave for Manila at 5.30 p.m. the same day.

We have been requested by the management of the Queen's Theatre to inform those desiring to see "Captain Blood" that, owing to the length (12,000 ft.) of the film, the show times have been altered to 2.30, 5.05, 7.20 and 9.30 p.m. and the main picture will be preceded by only one short reel.

H.E. the Governor, his A.D.C. and Private Secretary will be attending the St. Ambulance Brigade Dinner Dance next Friday night at the Hong Kong Hotel.

The Ladies' Sewing Bee will meet at 10 a.m. to-day at the Methodist Church, Sham-shuipo.

The Street Sleepers' Shelter Society beg to acknowledge with grateful thanks the following donations:—Per S. C. M. Post in memory of the late Mr. E. Mow Fung \$22—Mr. R. Hancock in memory of the late Mr. E. Mow Fung \$5, bringing the total up to \$3,389.72.

The "Incognitos" Concert Party will give a farewell performance in the St. John Ambulance Headquarters (Tai Hang Road) to-day, beginning at 8.30 p.m. There will be no charge for admission, as the concert is for the benefit of Service men and Brigade members.

A Dinner Dance will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel to-day at 8.30 p.m.

A lecture on "French Law and Lawyers" will be delivered by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, B.A., LL.B., on to-morrow at 8.30 p.m. in the Union Assembly Room of the University. All interested are cordially invited by the Law and Commerce Society to attend.

Father G. Byrne, S.J., will give an unprofessional talk before the Hong Kong University Medical Society at 5.30 p.m. in the Union Assembly Room on Wednesday, April 23, and not to-day as previously announced.

A concert will be given by members of the Wing On Orchestra at St. Stephen's Girls' College on Saturday next at 8.30 p.m.

The three Street Sleepers' Shelter Society's shelters were closed on the 18th instant, when a hot meal was given to all the inmates. It is hoped that the shelters will be re-opened on December.

Fifty Indians from Punjab, India, who have been recruited for the Indian contingent of the Hong Kong Police Force, were sworn in yesterday.

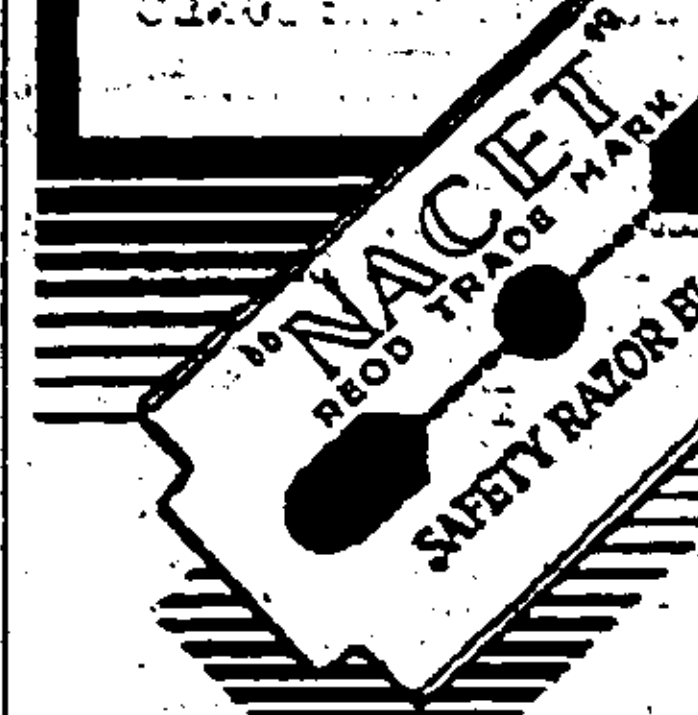
The monthly meeting of the Catholic Women's League (Services branch) will be held at the Maryknoll Convent, Austin Road, on Friday, at 5 p.m. Newcomers to the Colony are cordially invited.

The Australian and New Zealand Association will wind up its winter activities this evening with a social and dance to be held in the Association's rooms, Gloucester Building beginning at 9 p.m.

Mr. Leo, D'Almada, Jun., has been assigned the defence of five Chinese who will appear at the Criminal Sessions on Monday next, charged with the murder by strangulation of a widow on the ground floor of 202, Cheung-shan Road, on the night of January 31 last. The accused were committed from the Kowloon Magistracy.

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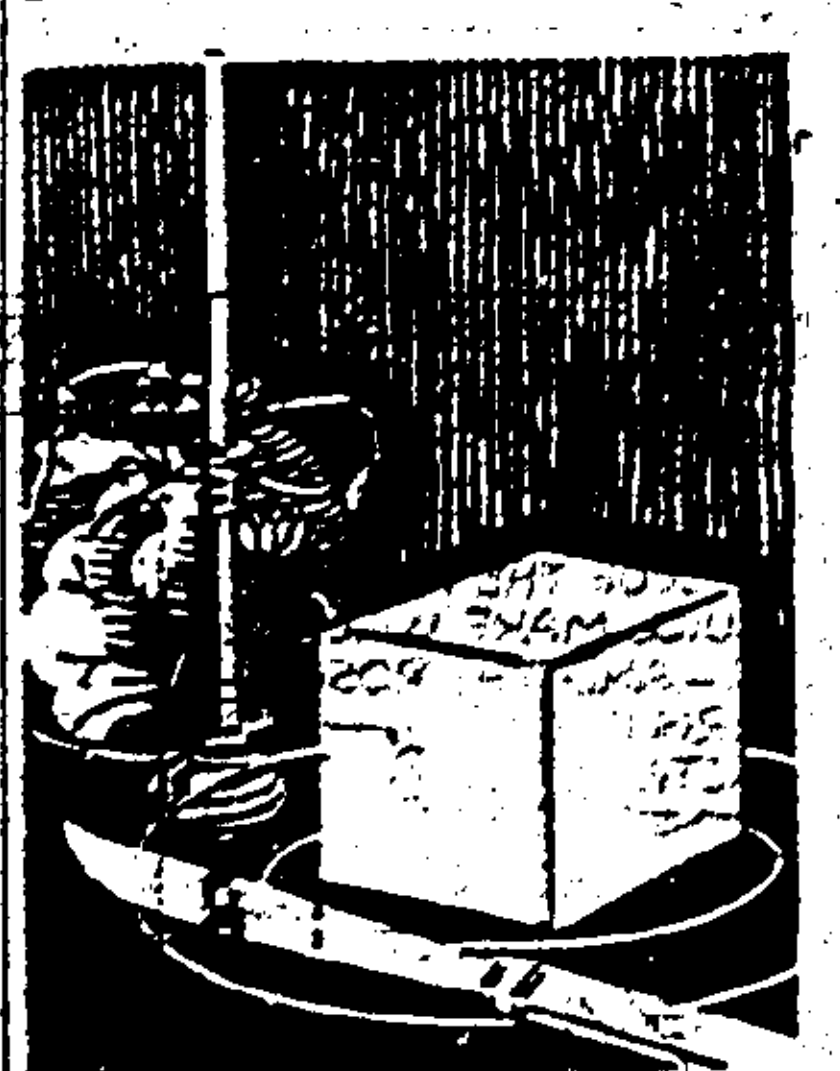
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"The general trading conditions during 1935 and the high Customs tariff continued to handicap both import and export business. As a consequence, smuggling was rife, with the result that goods which otherwise would have been transported by legitimate means were smuggled into Canton."

"Despite the serious difficulties met with during the year, the working account shows an increase of about \$30,771.97 and your directors hope that Company's affairs will show marked improvement for the current year."

"Your Directors have given close and careful attention to the economic running of the steamers. Steamers' disbursements, compared with the 1924 figures, show an appreciable decrease, but repairs are up \$11,219.20 due to the extensive overhaul of two of the Company's best steamers, the Tai-shan and Lungshan."

"The amount of \$48,648.47 that it is proposed should be written off the value of your steamers is the usual 5 per cent. of their book value."

"Investment Fluctuation Account shows a reduction during the year of \$39,423.10, which represents the amount of depreciation in the market value of shares held by your Company as investment. Last year your Directors were again obliged to sell certain shares to meet the heavy overdraft with our bankers."

"Co-Operation With Railway"

"The Canton Pool Agreement, which has been in operation since 1933, has been renewed."

"Your Directors are pleased to report that, thanks to the co-operation of the Railway Administration, the river steamers are now able to overcome the uneconomic passage rates obtaining before the understanding with the Railway was reached. And I would like to record the Directors' keen appreciation of the courtesy and the spirit of co-operation shown by the Railway Administration. As your Chairman remarked at this time last year, there was a surplus of tonnage in the River, and with the diminished volume of trade found generally, keen competition developed."

"In the Macao Line passage rates were lowered last December in compliance with an agreement with the Inspector of Economic Services of Macao. Your Directors consider the arrangement satisfactory."

"An application for the registration of the Company's properties in Canton was sent last August following a requirement by the Chinese Authorities that the step had to be taken by all foreign property owners. And as you will have seen from the Balance Sheet before you, the registration fees paid have been capitalised. The matter has been unfortunately delayed by the Chinese Authorities."

"Concerning the Company's Canton wharves you will notice a debit of \$19,211.66 in the Profit and Loss Account for special wharf expenses. The sum represents rental due in arrears to the Canton Authorities for the two wharves. As you are aware, the leases for the wharf sites are held in perpetuity by the Company, but

"The position as regards freight continued to be a source of keen anxiety to your Directors. That the trading conditions obtaining on the river are chiefly responsible for the loss in revenue in this respect is shown by the fact that the Canton Freight Pool Agreement was in operation during 1935, and that there was no serious freight competition."

"As regards the passenger traffic, the returns were more satisfactory, and the outlook is hopeful. The withdrawal of the surplus tonnage on the river during a part of the year, especially in the Macao Line, contributed in no small measure to the little improvement recorded."

"Smuggling Menace"

"In June, 1935, the Company acquired from Messrs. Butterfield & Swire their interest in the s.s. Kinsman, and the transfer of this steamer to the Macao Line has shown favourable results. While freight has not improved, passage money returns would seem to justify your Directors' decision to improve this run by the operation of a faster steamer."

"The instability of exchange

CHINESE "STARS" TO PERFORM

Special Attraction At St. John Brigade Dance

Ma Shi Tseng and Miss Tam Lam Hing have kindly consented to be present at the Dinner Dance in aid of St. John Ambulance funds on April 24 at the Hong Kong Hotel, and will give an item, accompanied by musicians from the Columbia Record Orchestra."

This will be the first time in their career that these two famous Chinese "stars" have performed at a private function."

The Canton Government claimed that under Chinese law, the Canton Government had the right to revise the rent in view of the changed conditions. Protracted negotiations were commenced as long ago as August, 1930, and were concluded only in December, 1935. I would like to record the Directors' thanks to Mr. T. F. Lo for his services in bringing the negotiations to a conclusion acceptable to the Directors in all the circumstances."

"The long leases held by the owners of the two hotels built on Company's properties at Canton expired last July, and your Directors have decided on shorter leases, but on the same terms and conditions. The present leases expire next June."

"Mr. R. K. Batchelor resigned from the Board of Directors in January, 1935, and, as announced by the Chairman last year, Mr. H. Staples Smith was invited to fill the vacancy."

"Mr. H. da Luz, the Company's Secretary, having acted in that capacity since 1933, was promoted to the substantive post in April, 1935."

"Mr. A. Robertson, Engineer, and Mr. J. M. Figueiredo, Purser, retired during the period under review, after long periods of service — in the case of the former, 33 years, and in the case of the latter, 32 years."

Seconders' Speech
In rising to second the chairman's proposal for the adoption of the report and accounts, Capt. W. E. Kirby said:—

"It is satisfactory to note that reference is made in the Directors' Report to an aspect which, undoubtedly, has a very serious effect on the Company's revenue, that of smuggling dutiable goods and also the carriage of surreptitious cargo."

"In common with other Companies on the China coast, and rivers, the annual debit arising from this form of illegal trading must be enormous as a combined total in a year, but I am sorry to suggest that, as one not exactly in ignorance of a little of what is going on behind the scenes, this nefarious "business" if it can so be described, is, despite the best intentions and endeavours, very much on the increase, the commodities dealt in ranging from packets of salt and sugar to even human beings."

"Difficulties Appreciated"

"We have read and heard in recent times, Mr. Chairman, much use of the terms "bribery" and "corruption" but I venture to submit that nowhere more than in this smuggling racket, with its most extensive ramifications, are those terms more deserving of application. With you we have a fair idea where a big share of responsibility lies, and I feel it is hardly necessary to assure you that the difficulties of the Company in this respect are fully appreciated. At the same time I believe you will concur in my contention that while efforts by the Floating Staff to minimise this nefarious practice are unremitting, their position is none the less difficult and invidious with the metaphorical gun of extremism pointed continually at them by those behind the smugglers."

"Diplomatic pourparlers may be politic and deriving of advantage in dealing with individuals and bodies of understanding and good will, but such would appear to be wasted when the only response of those so approached is the non-slackening of endeavours to accumulate further illicit gain. If then it is at all possible to tighten up and intensify preventive measures in this respect I am content to believe that such will, in the mutual interest of all, have the careful consideration of the Directors."

After the chairman had assured Capt. Kirby that the matter was receiving the attention of the Board of Directors, the motion was put before the meeting and carried unanimously.

Other Business
The re-election of Directors was then proceeded with. On the proposition of Mr. Hung Tze Yee, seconded by Captain A. H. Lake, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$1,000.00 each, on the proposition of Mr. S. C. Sun, seconded by Mr. T. F. Lo.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Wreath-Laying And Band Concert

TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME

The arrangements for the celebration of St. George's day, which falls to-morrow, are as follows:— At 12 noon the President of the St. George's Society, supported by Past Presidents and members of the General Committee, will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph. The President hopes members of the Society generally will attend this ceremony."

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. A. C. Marsh and Officers, the band of the 2nd Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment will give a concert of about one hour's duration, beginning at 5.15 p.m. in the ground of the Hong Kong Cricket Club."

1—March
"The Standard of St. George" Alford.

2—Selection
"Merrie England" German.

3—Cornet Solo
"Land of Hope and Glory" Elgar.

4—Selection of Sea Songs
arr. Winter.

5—Fantasia
"The Rose" arr. Myddleton.
"GOD SAVE THE KING"
Conductor:—Mr. A. B. Yule.

TWO SMALL FIRES

Minor Damage Done On Mainland

A small fire broke out on the roof of a house behind No. 222 Tun Chow Street, Shamshui, yesterday due to the overheating of the chimney. The fire was extinguished by the inmates of the house and the Fire Brigade. The only damage done was to the roof of the house."

Another small fire occurred at 10 p.m. yesterday in an unnumbered house in Tung Tau, Au Tau. The fire was extinguished by the Un Loong Fire Brigade, the extent of the damage being estimated at only \$40."

ST. JOHN BRIGADE

Further Donations Acknowledged

The Director of Ambulance has the honour to acknowledge with grateful appreciation and thanks the following donations:—

Mr. K. Oram \$5
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LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE

C.C.C. Teams For Saturday

The following will be the teams representing the Craigenower Cricket Club in their opening lawn bowls league matches next Saturday:—

"A" Team v K.C.C. (Away)
A. E. Coates, A. A. Razack, D. R. Lutz, R. F. Lutz (Skip), A. E. Coates, A. A. Razack, R. F. Lutz (Skip), C. Summons, L. C. R. Souza, A. S. Gomes, U. M. Omar (Skip), J. S. Landolt, Dr. V. N. Atienza, E. el Arculli, R. Bassa (Skip).
"B" Team v Police (Home)
J. R. Soares, M. J. Medina, W. Gill, J. Cavanagh (Skip), A. J. Coelho, K. M. Omar, M. A. R. Souza, C. S. Rossier (Skip), J. W. Leonard, H. W. Randall, A. M. Omar, W. V. Field (Skip).
"C" Team v K.B.G.C. (Home)
J. Pau, H. L. Fox, B. Whiteman, W. Ward (Skip).
"D" Team v K.B.G.C. (Home)
D. K. Kharras, D. A. Rozario, W. Phelps, A. A. Lewis (Skip), Dr. N. P. Karanjia, E. McNay, A. E. S. Alves, H. V. Pearse (Skip).

MOST FILMS IN COLOUR SOON

\$250,000 Plant For London

ELABORATE PLANS

The success of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" in America and elaborate plans by British producers indicate that in two or three years the majority of moving pictures will be made in colour."

London Film Productions, the Capitol Film Corporation, British International Pictures, and British National Films are among the producers making colour pictures this year."

So keen is the demand for colour film that it has been decided to double the output of Technicolor Ltd.'s new laboratory on an 11-acre site on the Great West-road. The plant will be able to turn out 80ft. of four-colour print a minute. Its total cost will be about \$250,000."

"Lawrence Of Arabia"

Films in colour to be made by existing British companies include London Film Productions' "Lawrence of Arabia." Zoltan Korda is directing it."

Messrs. J. J. and Lee Schubert are planning an attack on the British stage and screen market on a large scale."

They now control 36 theatres in America, have produced a number of successful shows, such as the Ziegfeld Follies, and plan to resume production of big musical spectacles in London."

MARSH PREFERRED TO LINKS

Residents of West Witterling, Sussex, have opposed a scheme for reclaiming a part of West Witterling Harbour and of the adjacent marshland to make a golf course."

Salaries Of Civil Servants

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"But I venture to point out that, as I understand it, the levy proposals were enunciated on the basis that 1936 would commence with a deficit of \$1,000,000 and that the surpluses at the end of 1936 would be reduced to just over \$3,000,000. Since 1935 has pily ended, not with a deficit of \$1,000,000, but with a credit balance of nearly \$140,000 (the exact figure being \$138,913.27), the absence of any contribution from salary cuts would not upset the financial status quo as envisaged by the author of the levy proposals."

SERIOUS ATTEMPT
"My proposal has at least the merit of being an attempt, however feeble, to deal seriously with this problem, and from the point of view of the public it has this attraction, namely, that during the temporary period of the Government's proposed levy, whatever it may be — one, two or even three years — the surplus could be resorted to, equally as a temporary measure, for the purpose of making up the difference between the amount which the Government levy would have produced, and that saved under my scheme, and thereafter the annual

5 per cent. reduction could be earmarked for repaying, and building up, the surpluses."

"From the point of view of the Civil Servants, it cannot be seriously suggested that a permanent reduction of such a small percentage involves any substantial hardship; on the contrary I do not see why the Civil Servants should not gladly accept this sacrifice as a contribution to the solution of a very important and complicated problem."

"Frankly I do not like the proposed levy, for the reasons I have endeavoured to set out, but unless and until the Government can place before us some other acceptable solution of the salary question, I feel that I cannot do otherwise than to vote for this Bill."

"I need hardly add that the views I have ventured to express are entirely my own, for which none of my unofficial colleagues are responsible."

Tribute To Sir Wm. Shenton
Prior to the second reading of the Bill His Excellency the Governor paid a tribute to Sir William Shenton's work in connection with the Council, while Mr. W. J. Carrie and Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell were sworn-in as new members of the Legislative Council."

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

PROGRESS ALONG THE LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY

A balance of the Steamers' Working Accounts showing a loss of \$27,346.11. 6d. as against a loss of \$45,808.15. 3d. for the previous year, was reported by Mr. J. J. Paterson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., at the annual general meeting held this morning in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company."

The Chairman remarked that it was obvious from the working account that the road to recovery would be a long one, but said it was gratifying to note that they had managed to cover some distance of that road and that progress would be faster now that rival shipping companies were showing a willingness to co-operate with each other for the purpose of stabilising rates of freight."

The Chairman was supported by Mr. M. T. Johnson and Mr. S. T. Williamson (Directors) and Mr. C. T. Tod (Shipping Manager). Sir Robert Ho Tung, who is also a director of the Company, was an absentee."

Among the shareholders present were Messrs. N. L. H. Raitton, D. L. Newbigging, F. C. Hall, A. C. Willcox, M. H. Lo, Chan Wing, Fung Hun, M. J. Henderson, H. W. M. Dulley, R. T. Macdonald, A. M. da Silva, J. Baptista, A. Murdoch, John Fleming (auditor) and H. J. Armstrong (Solicitor)."

Chairman's Speech

The Chairman, in his review of the year, said:—"Except for an unexpected demand for space that arose on the Upper River in the Autumn, trade generally in China this year was poorer even than in 1934, and there were few local owners and time-charterers who escaped losses. However, by dint of rigid economies, in which we are persisting still, I am able to report that the balance of Steamers' Working Accounts showed a loss of \$27,346.11. 6d., as against a loss of \$45,808.15. 3d. for the previous year."

"It must be obvious to you all from the working results of the past few years that the road to recovery is likely to be a long one. Still, we have managed to cover some distance along that road and I am confident that progress will be a little faster now that rival shipping companies show a willingness to co-operate with each other for the purpose of stabilising rates of freight."

"Bad as the political situation in the Far East has been, and may yet be, it affects us all alike, and it merely adds to those difficulties which are trying enough when lines upset freight markets by engaging in individual competition."

River Situation Better

"The situation on the River was

"Smuggling, as you all know, became a by-product of Trade in China, from the time the Government started to erect tariff walls. Both the revenue authorities and the shipping companies have had to provide and maintain all this time preventive staffs at considerable cost, and whilst smuggling by our vessels has been largely suppressed, thanks to the able assistance rendered by the floating staff, I cannot help but repeat that the soundest policy must lie in dealing with the culprits rather than in fining the Ship-owner when tariff breaches are committed on his vessels, and it is this policy that the customs authorities seem to eschew."

Tribute To Navy

"To give point to my remarks I may say that the piracy menace has been lifted to a remarkable extent in recent months, through the action of the Chinese authorities in breaking up the gangs that have infested the Bias Bay area. I cannot leave the subject of piracy without expressing our gratitude to H. M. Naval Authorities for the great measure of protection they have so willingly and successfully afforded all these years."

"Your Directors are pleased to report again that the Company maintained its clean record as far as major casualties in the fleet are concerned, and I am certain you will join with me in congratulating the floating staff on this fresh evidence of efficiency."

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Unemployed Secures Aid By False Pretences

Hajer Karin Ismail, alias Ah Man, alias Edward Baines, alias Francis Arthur, a 32 year-old unemployed, was this morning sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Central Magistracy for attempting to obtain the sum of \$15 from Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbons of the Public Works Department, by false pretences on April 18.

Detective - Sergeant Russell said that on April 18 defendant presented a letter to Mr. Fitz-Gibbons in which it was stated that the defendant's wife had died suddenly and that he required the sum of \$55 to meet funeral expenses. It further stated that he (defendant) had a deposit with a firm Hop Wo, with which he was supposed to

be working, of \$20. At the foot of the letter mention was made that several prominent residents had already assisted him with part of the amount required."

Mr. Fitz-Gibbons was dubious of this and rang up some of the persons mentioned and found out that it was not so. The Police were communicated with, but defendant had run away in the meanwhile."

The following day he was arrested by an Indian detective (P.C.B. 620) and from enquiries made it was found that he had obtained assistance from various charitable organisations by using false names and addresses. He had been assisted by the Benevolent Society and the General Charity Organisation.



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**TODAY'S PROGRAMME**

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

Viola Recital by Pedro Antoni from Studio.
 12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Record-
 ed Programme.

1.03 p.m.—Orchestral Music.
 1.18 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and
 Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—A Recital by Percy
 Heming (Baritone).

1.30 p.m.—Chinese Organ Music.
 1.30 p.m.—Renter Press Bulletin,
 Rugby Press News, Local: Weath-

Forecast, Time and Announcements.
 1.40 p.m.—Variety—Ensemble
 Singing.

2.00 p.m.—Dance Music.
 2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
 7.11 p.m.—European Programme.
 7 p.m.—Chicago Symphony Or-

chestra.
 Carnerale Overture (Dvorak, Op. 92).
 Serenade (Volkmann, Op. 63): Flight
 of the Bumble Bee (Rimsky-

Korsakov).
 Valse Triste (Sibelius)
 The Queen of Sheba—Ballet Music
 (Goldmark, Op. 27).

7.25 p.m.—Vocal Gems.
 Melodies of Robert Burns
 Drinks all Round

Honey-suckle and the Bee: If you
 want to know the time ask a
 policeman.

7.45 p.m.—From the Studio.
 "The Salvation Army in China" by
 the Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D.

7.50 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
 Eine Walzer Redoute
 Blonde or Brunette—Waltz
 (Waldteufel)

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and
 Weather Report.
 8.03 p.m.—A Variety Programme.

Song—
 These foolish things
 Leslie Hutchinson.

Band—
 The Whistling Waltz
 The London Piano-Accordion
 Band.

Vocal—
 Yodelling Hobo
 The Hill Billies.

Piano Duets—
 Viennese Waltz Medley
 Rawicz and Landauer.

Vocal—
 Chloe (Song of the Swamp)
 The Radio Three.

Song—
 Sing before breakfast
 Turner Layton.

Organ Solo—
 Indian Love call ("Rose Marie")
 Sigmund-Krumpholtz.

8.30 p.m.—From the Studio.
 A Viola Recital by Pedro Antoni
 accompanied by Lindsay A. Lafford.

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 5. Scherzo David.

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Mala and Lotte in "Last of the Pagans," which is now showing
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Germany's Military Ambitions

(Continued from Page 6)

tibilities, the British and French Governments agreed in 1927 to the maintenance of these formations in the Rhine-land on the understanding that their character was to be "demilitarised." It never was.

To-day these "Police" are openly incorporated with the Reichswehr.

There was another issue, of immense significance in the light of what happened on March 7, which the British and French Governments tacitly waived after the conclusion of the Pact of Locarno. It was the creation of what I will call the shadow army.

The most astounding discovery ever made by the Control Commission (we discovered it in 1922) was that the units composing the four Army Corps stationed before the war in the Rhineland and the Neutral Zone were being carefully preserved by Gen. von Seeckt in cadre, like a butterfly in a chrysalis, in the new "Treaty Army."

Well might a German newspaper, the *Neue Illustrierte Zeitung*, say, as it said in its issue of September 12 last, in a glowing eulogy of that distinguished soldier, the Scharnhorst of the Treaty of Versailles, that Gen. von Seeckt, when he was Chief der Heeresleitung during the years 1920-1926—in other words under the very nose of the Control Commission—had "prepared the way" (vorbereitet) for Herr Hitler's restoration of conscription in March of last year, even as he prepared the way for the hammer-stroke in the Rhineland a week last Saturday.

Expansion Foreshadowed
 He also prepared the way for the expansion, which I think will come very soon, of the present mighty Army of 36 divisions into an Army of 44 divisions. The remilitarisation of the Rhineland foreshadows just that expansion, no less if no more.

I cannot doubt that, as I ventured to say many years ago, the restoration of conscription, and of all that has followed it, was premeditated by the Reichswehr-ministerium as long ago as 1920.

The Pact of Locarno, so far from arresting this development, actually facilitated it. Germany secured by her signature a "close season" for her military plans. Within one year of the withdrawal of the Control Commission I found, on examination of the German army estimates, that the expenditure on field training had risen to ten times that of our own army.

I drew public attention to the fact in November, 1928, but nobody in England took any notice. It had, in fact, become "bad form" not only to throw

The Six Keyboard Kings—Canadian Caners.
 Eight Pianos—I Cover the Waterfront.
 9.35 p.m.—A Blackpool Selection by the Arcadian Polles.
 9.48 p.m.—Xylophone Solos by Rudy Starita.
 Joey the Clown.
 Rio de Janeiro.
 Dance of the Paper Dolls.
 The Squirrel Dance.
 10 p.m.—Big Ben from Daventry.
 10 p.m.—The London Palladium Orchestra.
 Sanctuary of the Heart (Ketelbey).
 I hear you calling me (arr. Haydn).
 The Thistle (Myddleton).
 Amina (Lindes).
 Animal Antics—Novelty Intermezzo (Wark).
 Longing (Haydn Wood).
 Les Symples (arr. Lotter).
 10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
 11 p.m.—Close Down.

any doubt on the good faith of the German signature of the Pact but even to mention such a thing as the possibility of a German military revival. Sir Austen Chamberlain himself was to learn this—a little late.

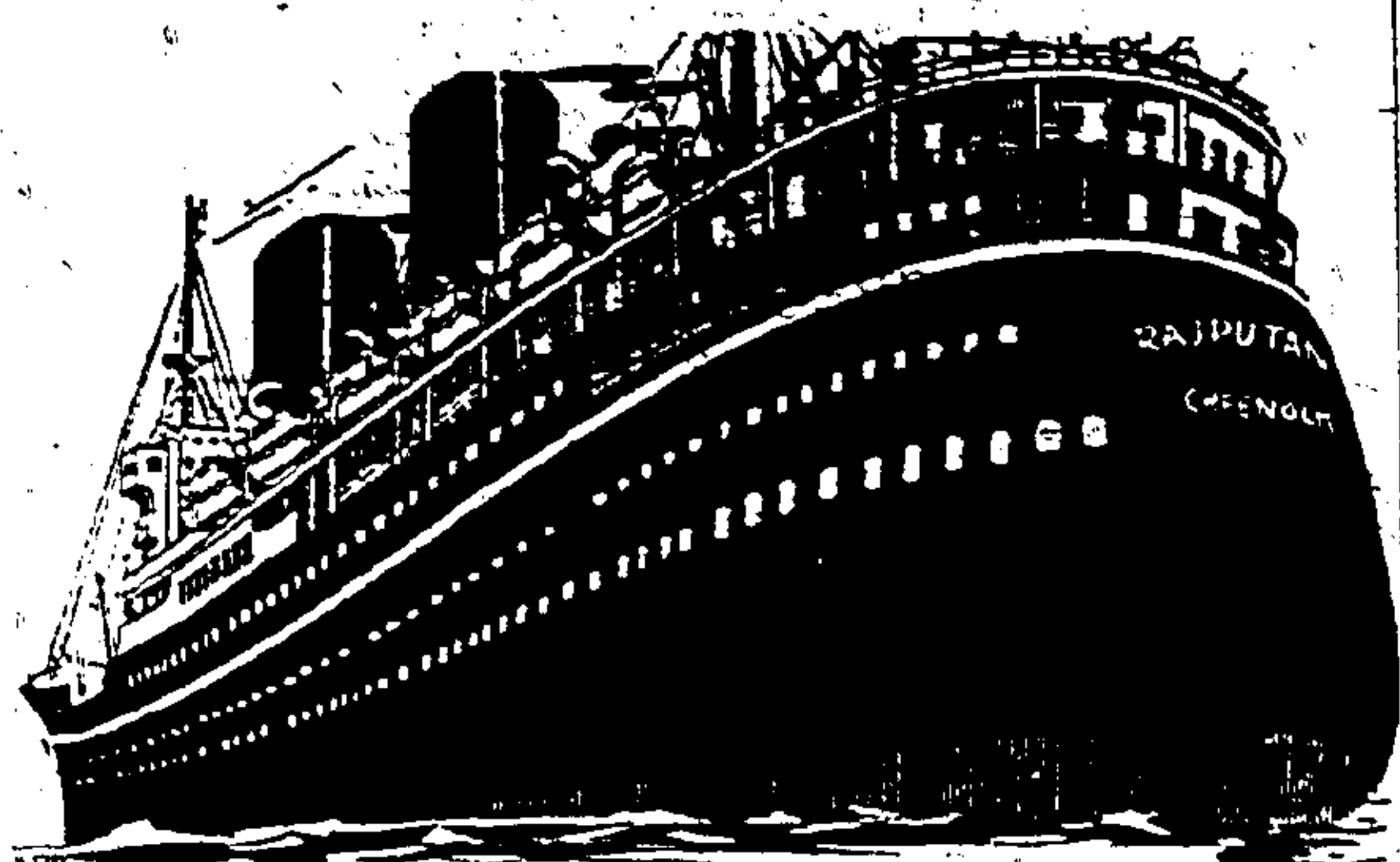
Violently Attacked

He was violently attacked in the German Press, and told in almost so many words to mind his own business, for merely entertaining a question in the House of Commons in 1928 about the notorious discovery of "poison gas" at Hamburg. It was a painful illustration of the unhappy truth that the German mind seems constitutionally unable to take any other view than that "he who is not with us is against us."

In view of all this I am not inclined to shed any tears over the Pact of Locarno, although I am deeply conscious of the deplorable—it may be the terrible—consequences of its violation.

M. Briand concluded that Pact under a complete misapprehension. In saying that, I am thinking of the reason he gave me at a meeting with him at the Quai d'Orsay not long after its conclusion, of which reason it is enough to say here that he certainly would not have been a party to the Pact if the year of its negotiation had been 1933 instead of 1925.

Foch himself thought the Pact a "betise"—it was the word he used to me. He believed, and events have proved him to be right, that we were giving up gilt-edged securities in return for a scrap of paper. In his copy of



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CARTHAGE	14,500	2nd May	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BHUTAN	6,000	23rd May	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CHITRAL	15,000	30th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BEHAR	6,000	6th June	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RANPURA	17,000	13th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SUDAN	7,000	20th June	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	27th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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*BURDWAN	6,000	18th July	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
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SCARLET BEADS

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of her—or rather she was part of almost grotesque in the white, mask-like quality of her face, and beauty and romance; and mundane things were suddenly powerless to hurt her.

Now that she had found herself, nothing like that could ever matter again.

With swift fingers she peeled the potatoes and set the table for tea. Frank was wrong. Life wasn't a matter for fighting, it was just a case of adjusting yourself to circumstances without letting them crush you.

Tom was coming! The colour came into her cheeks and one hand flew swiftly to her throat. She stood up suddenly, and began to feel the potatoes with a fork.

A short, heavily-built man entered, hung his hat behind the door, and seated himself at the table.

"Hullo, Tom, hard day?" Bessie was still feeling the potatoes.

"What's that thing round your neck?" Bessie turned suddenly. Her cheeks were burning. "Do I look nice?" she said.

"Where'd you get it?" "Where'd you get it, I said?" "I bought it," Bessie's voice was almost inaudible.

"You bought a thing like that? Are you mad?"

Bessie spoke rapidly. "It—it was only 1s. 6d., Tom. I wanted it. It was so pretty. I—I've never bought anything before. Tom!"

"Good reason why, because there wasn't anything to buy it with. What do you think I slave myself to death for all day, week in and week out, year in and year out—to buy gew-gaws like that for you to make yourself look ridiculous?"

"I thought you had more sense. What do you think you are—a girl?"

"I—I'm not very old, Tom."

"Well, you'll be a lot older before I'm going to let you go spending my money on rubbish of that sort. Take it back."

"But Tom, I want it. You don't understand. It's so bright it kind of makes me forget we haven't got so much." Bessie sat down suddenly.

"They wouldn't take it back," she said listlessly.

"You can change it for something sensible, can't you? Something we got to have?"

"There—there's nothing else we're needing there, Tom."

"One and six. Now let me see. They've got tobacco, ain't they? Why, what's the matter, Bessie old girl. Don't don't look at me like that! Don't look at me like that, I tell ya! Aw! you're tired, old girl. Don't you like asking them to change it? I'll soon fix that up for you. Here, I'll undo them. It's Friday night. I'll take them back as soon as I've finished my tea. You understand, Bessie," he patted her arm roughly.

"We got to have the necessities first. Cheer up, old girl. I ain't angry with you, honest I ain't."

Almost before Tom had closed the door behind him, Bessie was throwing her clothes into a suitcase. When they were ready she scribbled a note:

"Dear Tom, I'm going away. I reckon I just don't care any more. I think I'm glad you did it—Bessie."

Tom entered the bargain store whistling faintly.

"The wife don't like these beads," he said cheerfully. "She wants a sack of tobacco instead."

The Blonde saleswoman raised her pencilled eyebrows.

"Well, now, who'd have thought it?" she said. "Here is your ticket, sir. You will find your wife's tobacco at the opposite counter."

As he left the Blonde turned to the Brunette.

"Remember the grey mouse and the scarlet number?"

The Brunette turned. "I do," she said. "She not only smokes a pipe, but," with a Grecian nose she sniffed the atmosphere. "I'm very much afraid, my dear, that she takes her little drop."

"Which only goes to prove," the Blonde was replacing the ticket on the scarlet beads, "that one must never, never judge by appearances."

A tall man in working clothes fumbled nervously in his pocket. At last he drew out one and sixpence and pointed with a huge, ungainly hand at the beads.

"I'll take the big red chaps," he said.

As he left, the Blonde turned to the Brunette.

"I wonder," she said cheerfully, "if his scarlet woman smokes a pipe."

The tall man walked rapidly until he reached a dingy little house in a side street. Here he entered, and hung his hat behind the door.

A tall woman came into the room. There was something

John looked at her dully for a moment. "No, I suppose there isn't," he said slowly. "I—I hadn't thought of that."

"You've done your best, John, but relief pay only keeps one kind of starvation away. It's because there are so many other kinds I'm going."

The man at the table dropped his head suddenly on to his arms.

"I'm sorry, John, but I'm so tired of it all—"

John raised his head. "I took you from so much and gave you—nothing," he said bitterly.

The woman's eyes burned from behind the mask. "I'm dead, John," she said with sudden passion, "and I want to be alive again. While I belong to you I belong to poverty. Alone, I may do something. I'm so tired, John. I'm tired of the squalor and the ugliness! I'm tired of my own ugliness, John. Once—before I married you. I was beautiful. John. I want to be beautiful again."

The man at the table gave a cough that was half a sob.

"I've packed my things, John. I'm leaving to-night."

A shudder passed through the man's great frame. He put his hand in his pocket and fumblingly pulled out a handkerchief. A small brown parcel dropped and opened, and the beads lay, like scarlet drops of blood, upon the floor.

"What—what are those, John?" John picked them up hurriedly and thrust them into his pocket.

"Nothing," he said.

"John," the woman's eyes were burning into his. "You bought those for me, John."

"Yes, Maggie," he said simply. "Give them to me, John."

He thrust them into her hand. For a long time she looked at them in silence.

"You—you thought I could still wear these," she said.

"Of course," he said. "Why not?"

Something glistened on her cheek.

"You're—you're beautiful, Maggie."

"You haven't told me that for a long time, John," she said slowly.

"I've always thought it, Maggie. I guess I'm still—kind o' scared of you, Maggie, even after all these years. I—I often wanted to buy you little things, but I thought you'd think it was kind o' silly when I couldn't give you any—any of the big things."

"If—if you'd given me the little things, John, it would have made it easier to remember that the Big Thing was still there. I—I thought it had died, John."

The man let forward suddenly, and his hand closed over hers. "Maggie, the Big Thing's always been there. That's why it all seemed kind o' beautiful for me in spite of—of everything."

Maggie's face quivered suddenly. She pressed his hand.

"I—I think maybe it will all seem kind o' beautiful for me—now," she said slowly.

John coughed and turned his head away. He put his hand in his pocket and fumbled for his pipe. He pulled it out, looked at it for a moment and then hurriedly replaced it.

"Why aren't you smoking?" Maggie's voice was extremely practical.

"Bless me, if I didn't forget to get some tobacco."

Maggie looked at him for a moment in silence. "Forgot your week-end tobacco, did you? Well, well, I'm going out," she said suddenly. "I'll get you some—"

"No, no, never mind I—I—"

"That's all right," Maggie was already on her way. "I've got some change."

The minutes after a tall woman entered the bargain store.

"I've changed my mind about these beads. I'd like to change them for a stick of tobacco," she said.

The Blonde Saleswoman raised her pencilled eyebrows until they refused to go any higher.

"Certainly, madam," she said. As Maggie left the counter the Blonde beckoned to the Brunette.

"Did I prophesy that a certain Scarlet Woman would chew a plug of tobacco before the night was out?"

The Brunette raised a languid hand on which the finger-nails shone red as rubies, and smoothed her sleek black hair.

"No, my dear, you merely wondered it."

"Well, see the black and white amazon at yonder counter. That is the Scarlet Woman and—she will!"

Then the Blonde hung the scarlet necklace on the rail above the trays in the great department store, and attached the ticket which so vulgarly read, "Only 1s. 6d."

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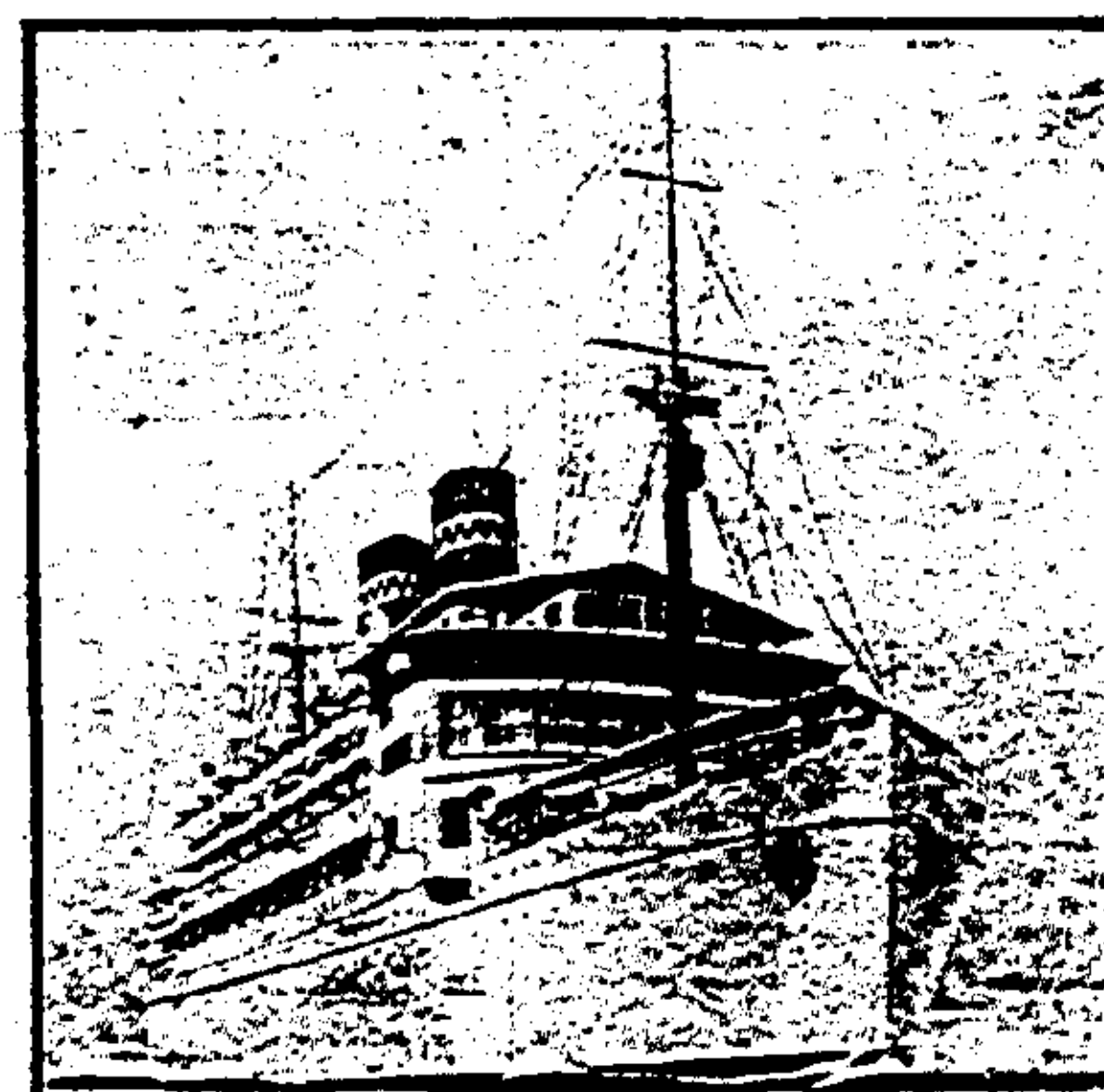
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Mr. Gordon Selfridge's Opinion

LACK "HUMAN TOUCH"

London. — Pink-jowled white-moustached H. Gordon Selfridge, American-born head of England's greatest mercantile house, thinks American business men lack the "human touch."

They are too strictly business-like.

"I told them, on my last visit to the United States, that they were making a mistake not to come over here more often and see what we are doing," he said.

"One of my pet ideas is to make a great store a place where the people are welcome to come and spend the day without spending a cent."

"Take a day like yesterday," he said, referring to a typical mid-winter English day of freezing temperatures and heavy fog. "Thousands of people came in just to get out of the cold, and they stayed for hours."

Not Worried To Buy

"No clerks worried them to buy something. On the contrary, we had almost a whole floor turned over to a big exhibit, as we do every winter, where they can roam around and enjoy themselves. Kind? Well, it costs nothing."

Known to-day as Europe's foremost "merchant prince," Selfridge, now 72, was formerly a partner in Marshall Field and Company, Chicago. He came to London 30 years ago to found the largest department store on this side of the Atlantic. He still retains his American citizenship.

"I started out as boy behind a counter at \$1.50 a week," he said. "Youngsters starting out in business get more than that to-day."

RUN ON BANK OF ETHIOPIA

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Exodus From The Capital

Addis Ababa: The flight of the panic-stricken population from the Abyssinian capital continued throughout yesterday. The roads leading to the mountains west of Addis Ababa are completely blocked by streams of fugitives.

The recently organised defence corps of the national capital is speedily being equipped with arms, amongst others with obsolete brassguns at least 100 years old.

Railway traffic between Addis Ababa and Djibouti is still functioning fairly well, although trains arrive mostly behind scheduled time.

The Bank of Ethiopia has announced that it will close tomorrow. The foreign staff of the Bank will leave for Djibouti to-day. A great portion of the Bank's gold and silver supply had already been conveyed to Djibouti previously.

1916 Class Called Up In Rome

Rome: The War Ministry has issued a decree calling up the 1916 class for military service, and providing that the enrolment of recruits must be ended before the end of the present year.

At the same time orders have been given that those recruits of the 1911 and 1914 classes who were previously declared unfit for service, will have to undergo a new military medical examination. —Trans-Ocean Service.

PENSIONS FOR THE BLIND

Scheme Favoured In Canada

Ottawa. The Canadian Government is favourable to the payment of old-age pensions to blind persons who reach the age of 40 years, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dunning) announced in the House of Commons here.

A private member's resolution urging the Government to consider the advisability of such a step was passed without a dissenting vote. The Minister of Finance, however, was doubtful whether the Government would introduce legislation to that effect this session owing to the necessity of careful financing at the present time. —Reuter.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

Suspended Until After May Elections

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Cairo, To-day. The Anglo-Egyptian treaty negotiations have been suspended until after the Egyptian elections, and will be resumed on May 5.

In a joint communique, both parties declare that everything till now has proceeded most amicably, and already there have been certain definite results achieved. —Trans-Ocean Service.

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"As stated in the Report, the s.s. Yusang and s.s. Chipshing, having outlived their usefulness, were sold for breaking-up at a small profit on their book value.

Valuable Acquisition

"The new Coaster built at Home, viz. the s.s. Taksang, to which I referred last year, was put into commission in the Autumn and is proving a valuable acquisition to the Fleet. Every endeavour is being made to liquidate our overdraft with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who financed the building of the steamer.

"Turning now to the Statement of Accounts, the items debited to Revenue amount to \$54,983.13.4d. as follows:—

General Charges \$7,637.17.5d.
Floating Staff Pensions \$10,490.17.7d.

Interest \$9,507.11.10d.
Loss on Working of Steamers \$27,347.11.6d.

"Items credited to Revenue Account amount to \$28,305.15.5d. and include Charges overprovided in previous years \$7,000 — Transfer Fees \$37.8.11d. Exchange Adjustment \$20,461.4.3d. and Gain on Units Sold \$131.2.0d. The only item calling for comment is the Exchange Adjustment \$20,461.4.3d. This was due to the rapid fall in the rate of Exchange towards the end of the year giving a closing rate of 1/3%, at which rate our Floating Dollar Assets and Liabilities were converted, whereas, our Working Balances were taken at the average rate for the year, viz. 1/11%.

"After allowing for the above, there remains a debit of \$26,678.2.11d., and it is proposed to transfer the sum of \$28,000 from General Reserve Account to meet this Loss and to carry forward \$1,321.17.1d. to the year 1936. In view of this analysis, I am sorry to say it will not be possible to declare a dividend. I must mention that no charge has been made against Revenue Account for Depreciation during the year. Fees Waived

"For the past four years the Directors have waived their Fees, amounting to \$1,500 per annum—and, as I have stated before, these sums are not being held in suspense.

"Dealing with the Balance Sheet, it will be seen that steamships, hulks, launches etc. show an increase of \$58,687.15.3d. due to final payments on account of s.s. Taksang and Swatow Steel Pontoon, less book value of units sold.

"Sundry Debtors in China and London now stand at \$92,743.6.10d., a reduction of \$36,085.8.3d. compared with last year. This reduction is chiefly due to Assets in China being converted at 1/3% to the Dollar as against 1/8% in 1934. All the amounts owing the Company have been collected since the end of the 1935.

"With regard to the Liabilities, General Reserve is reduced from \$33,000 to \$10,000 due to transfer of \$23,000 to revenue Account.

"Underwriting Account and Special Repairs and Renewals both show small reductions due to payments debited to these Accounts during the year.

"Sundry Creditors in China and London now stand at \$234,363.4.3d. as against \$174,664.17.4d. last year. The difference is mainly due to the increase in our liability to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and to the General Managers.

Simla Conference

"Before I leave the matter of Accounts and the question of Expenditure in particular, I feel obliged to point out that the set of rules drawn up at the Simla Conference for the Safety of Lives at Sea is soon to be enforced, Rallion.

CONDEMNED MAN TAKES BLAME

Plea To Save Life Of Associate

APPEAL REFUSED

San Francisco.—A plea by Alexander Mackay, the 28-year-old Glasgow man, that he alone should die, is the latest development in the kidnapping affair in which Mackay and another man, Joe Kristy, are under sentence of death.

Mackay's submission, published by defence lawyers in San Francisco, was made by letter to the Prison Parole Board, certain members of which were the men actually abducted by the escaping convicts.

Mackay declares the Kristy's mother had sworn to commit suicide if her son is executed. She cannot understand why he must die for an offence which does not constitute wilful murder.

Mackay takes the responsibility for influencing Kristy who, he says, "is a most naive individual and most easy to lead."

"No Misguided Chivalry"

"I am directly responsible for his present plight. Hence I plead with you to relieve my conscience of the responsibility of Joe Kristy's death. I say this with no sense of misguided chivalry. I have had a good education, and believe that I am fairly intelligent and should therefore have known better than to do what I did.

"However, if further life must be taken to compensate the State of California for our attempted escape, I beg you to recommend to the Supreme Court that my life alone will suffice, spare Joe Kristy, and thereby spare Joe's mother."

The Parole Board unanimously

DEATH OF BOLTON RECLUSE

Worth \$3,000 But Wore Old Clothes

"Death from Natural Causes" was the verdict at the inquest last month on Thomas Hamer, a Bolton recluse, who was worth, in bank books and stocks and shares, \$3,000. Hamer lived in a lodging-house.

The post-mortem examination showed that death was due to heart failure and chronic bronchitis.

His brother, William Hamer, of Tottington, said that 10 years ago his brother was a farmer, but since then he had seen little of him.

Thomas Hamer dressed in old shirts, a tattered overcoat, jacket and trousers, and worn-out shoes.

WEATHER REPORT

A weak anti-cyclonic area remains in the Pacific to the south-east of Japan. Pressure has increased considerably over North China, an anti-cyclone having developed over Mongolia; a depression is probably moving eastward across Manchuria. The typhoon is situated about 100 miles east of Manila, moving slowly north-westward. East winds, moderate; cloudy generally, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

which means that the Company will be faced with an unusually heavy outlay in reconditioning certain of its ships to fit them for Passenger Licenses under the new rules.

"I do not think there is anything more in the Accounts to be commented upon and I now beg to propose the following Resolution:—

"That the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted, including the transfer of \$23,000 from General Reserve Account and that the sum of \$1,321.17.1d. be carried forward to next year."

Mr. S. T. Williamson seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts, which was carried unanimously.

Other Business

Sir Robert Ho Tung was re-elected a Director on the proposal of Mr. F. C. Hall and seconded by Mr. A. Murdoch, while Mr. John Fleming and Mr. A. Ritchie, Chartered Accountants of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$6,000, on the proposal of Mr. D. L. Newbigging and seconded by Mr. N. L. H.

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